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Landslide crushes bus in H.P.; 15 dead

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

At least 15 people were killed and several others are feared trapped after a private bus they were travelling in was struck by boulders and debris following a major landslide in Bilaspur district of Himachal Pradesh on Tuesday, officials said.

The casualties could rise as rescue operations were underway, they added.

Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said the bus was trapped under a sudden massive landslide on Tuesday evening.

Three children were rescued alive and are being treated at a hospital in Barthin village, officials said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed grief over the loss of lives. He announced an *ex gratia* of ₹1 lakh from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund for the next of kin of each deceased and ₹50,000 for those injured.

SC tells EC to be open on names in final Bihar rolls

It says there is confusion about whether names added in final list are those deleted from draft roll; it asks if the poll panel individually informed the excluded voters, to facilitate their right to appeal

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday reminded the Election Commission that "the degree of transparency and access to information form the hallmarks of an open democracy".

It also questioned the top poll body about the individual details of voters added to the final list of voters in Bihar after the special intensive revision (SIR) of the State's electoral roll.

Over 21.5 lakh voters have been added in the final roll, and 3.66 lakh removed.

"There is a confusion about the names added on in the final list... What is the identity of the people added on? Is it an add-on of names taken from the 65 lakh voters deleted in the draft roll or are they new and independent names? The final list shows an appreciation of the number of voters... This exercise we want you to do is in aid of the electoral process, to maintain intact the faith in the electoral process," Justice Joymalya Bagchi, who was part of the Bench headed by Justice Surya Kant, asked the poll body.

> What is the identity of the people added on? Is it an add-on of names taken from the 65 lakh voters deleted in the draft roll or are they new and independent names?
>
> JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI

> Mr. [Prashant] Bhushan [counsel for petitioners], but where are the aggrieved people? Show us specific cases in the 3.66 lakh deleted voters whose names were deleted without any communication... This cannot be a roving enquiry...
>
> JUSTICE SURYA KANT

Final list

The final list shows that there are 7.42 crore eligible voters in the State. This was higher than the 7.24 crore voters listed in the draft electoral roll published after the first phase of the SIR, which had seen the removal of 65 lakh names, given that Bihar had 7.89 crore voters on June 24, the date of notification of the SIR exercise.

The court asked the EC whether the 3.66 lakh voters deleted from the final list were individually informed through a formal order of deletion to facilitate the filing of appeals against their exclusion.

"They have a right to appeal," Justice Kant told the poll body.

The Bench also asked whether a separate list of the names and details of the 3.66 lakh excluded voters had been published and made easily accessible at the grass roots level.

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Holidays for govt., aided schools extended

BENGALURU
The government on Tuesday extended the Dasara holidays for government and aided schools till October 18 to enable completion of the Social and Education Survey.
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Ex-PM Deve Gowda hospitalised

BENGALURU
Former Prime Minister and Janta Dal (Secular) patriarch H.D. Deve Gowda has been hospitalised in Bengaluru after developing a urinary tract infection accompanied by high fever and chills.
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When you take a break, you have to start from zero

Olympian Pooja says her husband had a big hand in the comeback; the boxer feels the medal at the World championship was a dream come true and wants to focus on short-term goals

FILE PHOTO: GETTY IMAGES

INTERVIEW

POOJA RANI

Y.B. Sarangi

In their mid-30s, most boxers think of hanging up their gloves. But 34-year-old Tokyo Olympian Pooja Rani not only chased her dream but also achieved it by landing her maiden World championship medal, a bronze in 80kg, in Liverpool and helped India finish with a creditable tally of four medals. The dashing pugilist from Bhiwani doesn't mind working harder than ever in order to get what seemed to her as an unfulfilled mission.

Now, she accepts that she is at the fag end of her more than a decade-long career and sounds realistic about her future in the ring. Pooja spoke to *The Hindu* about her courageous journey. *Excerpts:*

Tell us about your time after you competed in the Tokyo Olympics and the World championships in 2022.

After that I took a break. I got married in February 2023. I didn't compete in any tournament in the whole of 2023. Then in 2024, I participated only in the National championships.

How difficult was your comeback?

If you take a break, then you have to start from zero. We have to play in district-level events, then we have to play in state championships as well. Because your place is gone all of a sudden.

You have to make a new start again. So, I competed in the state championships and went on to become the National champion this year.

The year 2025 was very good for me. I participated in the World Cup in Astana, Kazakhstan. I gave a good performance there and bagged a silver medal.

As soon as we came back from the World Cup, our preparations for the World championships started. The World championships also went off well.

Why did you think of making a comeback again? How much more training did you have to do?

I was doing training earlier. I trained in 2024, but I was not doing it so seriously. Because I knew that there was no major competition that year. The only major event was the Olympics (and only qualified athletes could go there and compete). I knew that in 2025 the World championships or the World Cups will be there. I started training well because there was no point in taking it easy. I will get good results only if I perform well.

But in the mid-30s, a lot of boxers, both male and female, retire. Why did you think of coming back again?

My husband played the main role in this. He saw that I left the sport at a time (when I could have carried on). He is not an athlete, but understands me well. After all, we have been together for the past six years. He motivated me that I should do it. He thought that I would be happy only if I competed in another event or won another medal.

I also felt that since I had been boxing for so many years, there should be some achievement that I should feel good about.

After your father's death, does your mother support you?

My mother always cared for me. I work as an Income Tax inspector. She was keen for my success as she knew if I got a medal in the World championships, then I would get a promotion. She would be awake till late in the night to watch my bout.

But after 30 years, you have to do more fitness. So, how much did you pay attention to that?

After that age you have to pay more attention to your strength as the strength starts to decrease. I paid full attention to building my strength.

Whether I did (boxing) training or not, I did strength training. Talking about performance, if we keep working hard, then we will definitely get good results.

Do you want to stick to 80kg or drop down to 75kg in the future?

See, now the World Cup final is going to be held in India. For that, I will compete in 80kg. Next year, I will try 70kg or 75kg because the Commonwealth Games and Asian Games are coming up. I will definitely try to do well in those events.

You fought very well in the World championships. What does this medal mean to you?

I have competed in four World championships so far. In 2012 and 2016, it was the Olympic qualifier (and was tougher). I also participated in 2022 and lost in the quarterfinals. That was a big heartbreak for me.

I boxed well and I didn't have a medal in the World championships. I wanted to win a medal. And now I got a chance to lay my hands on it.

In the quarterfinals (against Poland's Emilia Koterska in Liverpool), I lost 2-3 in the first round. In the second round, I put all my energy into it. I thought that if I give my best in this round, only then something can happen. I won the second round 5-0 and the bout with a 3-2 margin. When my medal was confirmed, I felt as if it were a dream.

You have worked with coach D. Chandralal before. How was it working with him again?

Yes, Chandralal Sir was in the camp in 2012. I started boxing in 2009 but I didn't compete in any major event till 2012. My first major event was with Chandralal Sir. I won a silver medal in the Asian championships. Now he has returned again as the coach.

I felt good. I remembered the old days when I started (as an international boxer) with him. Now I train with him even when I am in the last stage of my boxing career. He is very strict. I have never seen anyone as strict as him. People said a lot of negative things about his training methods, but you see the performance.

Apart from the major events next year, the 2028 Olympics is also there. For how long do you want to carry on?

If next year turns out to be a good one for me, then I will continue further. I will go step by step.

What are the areas you need to work on?

I feel I will have to work on my stamina. Before the Liverpool event, we had our training in Sheffield. Because of the change in weather, I got a cold.

In the last round I was having a little stamina problem. I was getting tired. I will work on this area. Obviously, I will pay more attention to increasing my strength.

This World championships is also special for you because Nupur Sheoran, who is like a sister of yours, also got a medal in 80+kg. How happy are you?

Yes, it is a matter of happiness that the four medals that have come are from Haryana. And three are from Bhiwani. And two are from the same academy - Captain Hawa Singh Boxing Academy.

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Daughter of street hawker bags 11 gold medals in MA Kannada

The achievers will be conferred with gold medals by the university during its 60th annual convocation ceremony, which will be held on October 8 on the Central College Campus

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Prema.S., daughter of a street hawker, has emerged as the Bangalore University topper by winning 11 gold medals in MA Kannada, while the son of an auto driver, Hemanth A.S., has won seven gold medals and three cash prizes in Civil Engineering.

These achievers will be conferred with gold medals by the university during its 60th annual convocation ceremony, which will be held on October 8, at the Jnanajyothi Auditorium, Central College Campus.

Ms. Prema, who dedicates this achievement to her parents, dreams of doing a PhD in Kannada and becoming an assistant professor in the future. "I have completed MA Kannada at the Kannada Study Centre on Jnanabharati campus. I have been a Kannada medium student since class 1, and Kannada is my favourite subject. That is why I did MA in Kannada," said Ms. Prema.

Fruits of labour

- Students eligible for various degrees: 30,300
- Students obtained distinction: 19,819
- Students got first class: 7,186
- Number of autonomous students: 2,312
- Students passed with second class: 763
- Students with pass class: 158
- Eligible PhD students: 64

Prema S.

Hemanth A.S.

Hailing from Jakkalli village of Ron taluk of Gadag district, Ms. Prema's parents have been living in Bengaluru for many years. "I was born and raised in Bengaluru and have been educated here since childhood. My father Sharanappa Mudiyappa Mukkannavar is a street hawker selling wristwatches at Jalahalli Cross. My mother Savitri works as a chappati maker in a unit that supplies chappatis to hotels. Due to poverty, my parents could not pursue education. But that poverty has never been a hindrance to my education," she added.

Currently pursuing BEd in a private college at Rajajinagar, Ms. Prema expressed her desire to become an assistant professor in the future. "After my BEd course, I have a dream of completing PhD and becoming an assistant professor. In addition, I am also preparing for the Karnataka Administration Service (KAS) exam. But teaching is my passion," she stated.

UG programmes

In undergraduate programmes, Hemanth A.S., a Civil Engineering graduate from the University of Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE), bagged seven gold medals and three cash awards.

Hemanth, the son of an auto driver from Shivamogga district, said, "I come from a rural background and have studied up to SSLC in Kannada medium. Then, I completed my diploma in Sagar taluk of Shivamogga district and joined UVCE in 2022 through lateral entry in civil engineering. Engineering became easy for me because I had done my diploma and it helped me get good marks. Last year, I was selected as an engineer in a private company through campus selection. I want to join a government job in the future and am preparing for the Indian Engineering Services (IES exam)."

Of the seven gold medallists in postgraduate programmes, six are girls. Even at the undergraduate level, three among the four toppers are girls. Rufiya K.M. from the Department of Physics and Vidhyashree B.S., from Department of Chemistry have got seven gold medals each and emerged as second toppers.

Vidhyashree even got three cash awards.

Gowthami B.M. of the Department of Zoology and Likitha Kumari R., of the Department of Mathematics from Bangalore University bagged six medals each, and Vikas M., of Department of Economics and Harshitha A.N., Department of History will receive five gold medals each.

In BCom, S. Divya of Pinnacle Institute of Management and Science, received six medals and four cash prizes.

Rajath M., of Department of Mechanical engineering at the Bangalore University will receive five medals and one cash award.

Sahana Jadav T., a student of RNS first grade college, will receive five gold medals for BBA course.

Honorary doctorate

The university is conferring honorary doctorate on three people: Speaker of the Legislative Assembly U.T. Khader, former member of the Legislative Council D. Made Gowda, and T.B. Prasanna of J.P. Agri Genetics Pvt Ltd.

In this convocation, 159 gold medals will be awarded to undergraduate and postgraduate students and a total of 3,573 students will be receiving degrees.

Act of lawyer attacking CJI criticised

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bandaya Sahitya Sanghatane and writer Baragur Ramachandrappa on Tuesday condemned the attack on Chief Justice of India Justice B.R. Gavai in the Supreme Court on October 6.

"This is not just a sign of intolerance by an individual, but a sign of growing inhuman religious fundamentalism in the country. The act by a lawyer, who should uphold law, during a court hearing is an indication of Manuvadi perversion. Such acts of intolerance and hatred in a country like India with a tradition of equality and harmony is neither dharmic, nor moral, nor legal. So this act needs to be condemned by everyone irrespective of their religion, caste, creed or ideology," a statement issued on Tuesday read.

Uttar Pradesh CM calls on Nirmalanandanatha Swami

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday visited Adichunchanagiri Mutt's branch in Varanasi and met mutt's head Nirmalanandanatha Swami.

Practice

It is a practice that Adichunchanagiri Mutt's head visits the mutt's Varanasi branch after Navarathri celebrations to offer puja at Vishwanatha temple in the city, according to the Mutt authorities.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adithyanath with Adichunchanagiri Mutt's seer Nirmalanandanatha Swami, in Varanasi on Tuesday.

Both the Adichunchanagiri Mutt and Gorakhnath Mutt, headed by Yogi Adityanath, are linked by Nath Panth.

Inspector, staff in the dock for allegedly pocketing seized gold

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A police inspector and his staff attached to the Suryanagar police station are in the dock for allegedly pocketing over 1 kg of gold valuables seized after the arrest of a Tamil Nadu-based habitual burglar and his gang recently.

Based on the petition filed by Venkatachalapathy, city based advocate, Labhu Ram, Inspector-General of Police (Central range) ordered a probe directing the Additional Superintendent of Police to inquire and submit a detailed report.

According to the complaint, the inspector, probing a series of house thefts reported in his jurisdiction, brought a habitual offender, Sudhakaran and his gang from Tamil Nadu on body warrant to investigate theft cases. During the course of investigation, he allegedly recovered around 2 kg of gold valuables from the property receivers, but showed only a part on record. He allegedly pocketed the rest of the valuables and shared it with his staff, the complainant alleged.

However, sources said that the total value of the house break-in cases registered in his station reported only around 900 gm and the police could recover around 290 gm.

The accused officials were summoned and their statement were recorded as part of the probe. The statements of the victims and the receivers of the properties have also been taken to corroborate the claims. The final report will be submitted to the IGP soon for further course of action.

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E-(IREPS) TENDER NOTICE NO. 33 UBL 2025-26 Date: 29.09.2025

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Name of work	Approx.Value
Hubballi Division: Proposal for Construction of Multi purpose community hall at willey ground at Hubballi.	Rs. 3,58,28,153.00

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New Premises at 4th Floor, Telephone House Building, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore - 560001

Original Application No : 97/2021

BETWEEN:
Canara Bank .....Applicant
AND
M/s. Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Mahila Education Society (Ltd.) .....Defendants

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Take notice that in case of default, the application / Interlocutory application will be heard and date remained in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 15-09-2025

Signature of the Officer
(Authorized to issue Summon)
DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II Bangalore

PP Summons Given for DRT-II Signature on 12.09.25
Advocate for applicant
(Vignesh Shetty)

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Publication of Corrigendum 5 for E-Tender Notice no. Auto_Sig_YPR-ASK Date : 08.08.2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender for the following work.

Name of Work	Approx.Value
Corrigendum 4, NIT Header Tender Closing date and Time Existing 30.09.2025 11:00 Modified Value as 13.10.2025 11:15 for Provision of Automatic Signalling between Yesvantpur-Arasikere Section of Bengaluru and Mysuru Divisions	Rs. 160,89,45,177.79

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Corrigendum 4, NIT Header Tender Closing date and Time Existing 30.09.2025 15:00 Modified Value as 13.10.2025 11:00 for Provision of Automatic Signalling between Channasandra-Penukonda Section of Bengaluru Divisions.	Rs. 139,40,69,610.88

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public hereby notified that my clients **Mrs. T. Vinoda and Mr. T.K. Venkatesh,** both residing at No.1191, 31st Cross, BSK 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560 070 are the absolute owners and are in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the Property mentioned below in the Schedule. They have lost/misplaced the Original Sale Deed dated 24-11-2000, registered as document No.1394/2000-01 of Book I, Volume 28, pages 113 to 116, registered in the office of the Sub-registrar, Additional District Registrar, Bangalore Urban District, pertaining to the Schedule Property. In this connection, an E-Complaint has also been lodged on 07-10-2025 vide Lost Report No. 1838103/2025. I hereby call upon the General public if anyone is in custody or possession of the same or otherwise found the above said documents, kindly handover to undersigned immediately/within **07 days** and also I further bring into the notice of the general public that in case anyone dealing with the Schedule Property on the basis of the above said original documents, it shall not be binding on my clients and the same will be an offence and they are liable to punish under the Criminal and Civil Law.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site **No.3823,** Corporation No.3823, BBMP PID No.56-8-3823, New E PID No.3929798110, situated at **12th Cross, in Banashankari II Stage, Bengaluru-560070,** measuring East to West **50 feet** and North to South **70 feet** in all measuring **3500 square feet,** presently comes under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.165-Ganesha Mandira Ward, and bounded on the: **East by : Property No.3822; West by : Road; North by : Road; South by : Property No.3781,**

KRISHNAMURTHY. P, Advocate
No.11, 1st Floor, "MEERA NIVAS"
Opp: Sai Baba Temple, North Park Road, Seshadripuram, Bangalore-560 020.
Mob: 9740718436

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Mr. SYED MUSTAQ AHMED, Mr. SAYED RAFI & Mrs. SALMA TABASSUM** intends to purchase the Schedule Property originally belonging to **Late Pursaya Naik** allotted & Sold by BDA to him and during his life time executed unregistered will dated 15.08.1985, he has bequeathed schedule property in favour of his grandchildren Ravichandan Rajaram Haldipur, Nandan Rajaram Haldipurkar, & Deepak Arun Haldipurkar and after the death of Late Parameshwar Pursaya Naik, they have inherited the property and however it was found the original will dated 15.08.1985 has been lost and hence an online complaint was filed with the police as per endorsement dated 16.09.2025 bearing No.1805370/2025 by Ravichandan Rajaram Haldipur.

As the will dated 15.08.1985 of **said owner Late Pursaya Naik** has been lost, hence as per the family tree at present the his legal heirs by name 1. Ravichandan Rajaram Haldipur, 2. Rajaram Parameshwar Haldipur, 3. Dr.Nandan Haldipur,4. Ramesh Parmeshwar Haldipurkar, 5. Deepak Arun Haldipurkar, 6. Usha Vasanth Rao & 7. Meera K Rao, presently owned inherited by them and they are claiming to be owners.

My client is an Agreement Holder and is now intending to register a Sale Deed for the Schedule Property by creating a charge by borrowing a housing loan from State Bank of India & hence any person, individuals, financial institutions or body corporate whosoever having any claims, interest, or charge, etc., in whatsoever manner over the Schedule Property are hereby called upon to lodge their claims or objections, if any, with supporting documents thereon with the undersigned in person within **seven (7) days** from the date of publication of this general public notice, failing which my clients will presume that the Schedule Property herein is free from all sorts of encumbrance of whatsoever nature and proceed to complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site/plot **No.34,** BBMP PID No.69-35-34, **LAXMI NIWAS", Near BDA Complex Austin Town, Bangalore-560 047**, measuring East to West: **13.71 Mtrs** and North to South: **13.71 Mtrs**, **totally measuring 187.9641 Sq Mtrs,** Comprising of an old RCC Roof red oxide Flooring, residential building, in as is condition, measuring approximately 137.124 Sq Mtrs,of Built up area on Ground Floor and approximately 137.124 Sq Mtrs of built up area on First Floor and bounded on: **East by : Site No. 33, West by : Road, North by : Road, South by : Site No. 34/A.**

Sd/- Mrs. ANCHAL WAHID
ADVOCATE
Office at No.21/1, Ground Floor, 5th Street, Bangalore-560 002
Mobile : 97384036465

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the NOTICE of General Public, that my clients **1. SRI.N.P.SELAVARAJAN also known as P.S.RAJAN also known as NACHIMUTHU PALANISWAMY SELVARAJAN,** S/o Late M.N.Palanisamy Chettiar, AADHAR NO.6922 4826 1977 and **2. SRI.P.S.R.AYYAPPA SUNDARAM,** S/o Sri.N.P.Selavarajan also known as P.S.Rajan also known as Nachimuthu Palaniswamy Selvarajan, AADHAR NO.2090 6032 7860, R/at No.272/15-1, Sri Kamakshi Nivasam, 6th Cross, 1st Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore – 560 011, intends to purchase the schedule property from **SRI.J.S.AMANULLA SHARIFF,** S/o Sri.M.S.Jaffar Shariff, AADHAR NO.7374 1470 6893.

This notice is hereby given for the information of General public that, any persons/Banks/Financial institutes having any right, title, share, claim or interest against/in the schedule property may contact me with their documentary/legitimate proof in support of their claim within **15 (fifteen) days** from the date of this notice. If no claim is so lodged with me within **15 (fifteen) days** from the date of publication, after which my clients shall proceed with the Absolute Sale Deed on the basis that there are no claims whatsoever, as if the same is free from all kinds of claims/encumbrances and no claim shall be entertained later.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the East-South Corner portion of the Commercial property **No.9,** PID No.47-77-9, BBMP EPID No.1680698592, Situated at **Lal Bagh Fort Road, Kalasipalya, Division No. 42 (Old No.18, New Patnoolpet), New Ward No.47, Dhamarayaswamy Temple, Bangalore. MEASURING :** East to West : 30 feet and North to South : 30 feet, In all total measuring : **900 Sq.feet.** AND BOUNDED ON THE:- **East by :** Conservancy Lane - New Patnoolpet Road, **West by :** Remaining portion of the same property retained by Sri.J.S.Amanulla Shariff, **North by :** House of Syed Sunna Saheb and **South by :** Koracharapalya Main Road (Lalbagh Fort Road).

Mrs.M.Manjula, Advocate
No.C-1, 1st Floor, Maruthi Pearl Plaza, D.V.G.Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004. Mob : 9945027091.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that my client **Mr. Niranjan.K.** is negotiating the purchase of the following immovable property:

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of the land measuring 0 Acres 3.08 Guntas (3.5 Guntas) in Survey No. 100/4 (Old Survey No. 100/2), situated at Heggadehalli Village, Tubagere Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, and bounded as follows:

East by: Land belonging to T. Narayanaswamy
West by: Land belonging to Sanjay V.S.
North by: Kanivepura Village
South by: Chikkaballapur–Doddaballapur Main Road

My client is in the process of completing the purchase and registration of the aforesaid property from its present owner **Sri. Srinivas L**.

Any person or entity having any claim, right, title, interest, charge, lien, or encumbrance over the above-mentioned property is hereby required to make their claims known to the undersigned in writing with all relevant documents, within 10 (ten) days from the date of publication of this notice.

If no such claims are received within the stipulated time, it shall be presumed that there are no claims, objections, or encumbrances over the said property, and the proposed transaction will be completed accordingly.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 07.10.2025

Sd/-
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ISRO-TELEMETRY TRACKING & COMMAND NETWORK (ISTRAC)
Plot No.12 & 13, 3rd Main, 2nd Phase, Peenya Industrial Estate, Bengaluru-560 058. Ph:080-280904178, 4541

E-TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of President of India, sealed **item rate E-Tender** is invited from Contractors of appropriate class for the following work.

NIT No.	**ISTRAC/CMG/A.C/CON/E-Tender-66/ 2025-2026 dated: 07.10.2025**
Name of Work	**Replacement of 03 Nos. of 5.5TR Precision AC units with 03 Nos. 12TR Precision AC units for INC Server Room at IDSN, Byalalu, ISTRAC, Bengaluru**
Estimate cost put to tender	**Rs. 56.85 Lakhs**
Tender Document details	**E-Tenders**
Period of completion	**Four (04) Months**
Period during which the tender document can be downloaded	**From 16.00 hrs. on 08.10.2025 to 29.10.2025 till 16.00 hrs.**
Bid clarifications	**From 11.00 hrs. on 09.10.2025 to 30.10.2025 till 16.00 hrs.**
Last date of reply to Bid clarification	**31.10.2025 up to 16.00 hrs.**
Last date & time of receipt of tenders	**01.11.2025 up to 16.00 hrs.**
Due date and time of opening of tenders	**03.11.2025 after 11.00 hrs**
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Rs. 1,13,700/-**

Interested tenderers may please refer **Detailed Notice Inviting Tender** (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details in website: **www.isro.gov.in** and download the tender documents from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO.**

Sd/- Group Head, CMG

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II AT BANGALORE
New Premises at 4th Floor, Telephone House Building, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore - 560001

Original Application NO: 660/2022

BETWEEN:
Canara Bank .....Applicant
AND
Smt. Ningamma & Anr .....Defendants

SUMMONS/NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To,

1. **Smt. Ningamma M** W/o Siddaramaiah Having address at : Rampura Village, Channapatana Taluk Dist. Ramanagara
2. **Mr. Siddaramaiah** S/o. Rachaiah Having address at : Rampura Village, Channapatana Taluk Dist. Ramanagara

Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application / interlocutory application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial institution Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a 4 Sum of **Rs. 35,36,397.00/-** with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the summons on or before 31/10/2025,10.30 AM in the forenoon in person or by Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the application / Interlocutory application will be heard and date remained in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 24-09-2025

Signature of the Officer
(Authorized to issue Summon)
DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II Bangalore

PP Summons Given for DRT-II Signature on 22.09.25
Advocate for applicant
(Vignesh Shetty)

By reusing old genes, bats became the only mammals able to fly

Scientists have wondered how bats keep a sheet of skin between their fingers. In other mammals, this disappears before birth in a process called apoptosis where the cells die on purpose; one hypothesis is that bats evolved flight by suppressing this interdigital cell death, which allowed the skin to stay and form the wing's surface

Manjeera Gowravaram

A colony of Indian fruit bats seen in Chennai. VELANKANNI RAJ B./THE HINDU

THE GIST

Mammals share most of the same genes, which has led researchers to investigate how a bat produces such different limbs from the same genetic material. The answer lies in what scientists call regulatory evolution: changing when, where, and how genes are switched on

Analysing the chiropatagium, the team found fibroblasts. These fibroblasts showed high activity of *MEIS2* and *TBX3*. In other mammals, these genes are switched off before fingers form. In bats, they are switched back on in the distal limb near developing digits

Researchers engineered mice to express *MEIS2* and *TBX3*. The result: mouse embryos began to grow webbed digits, and the tissue between their fingers became thicker and more structured, much like an early bat wing. The modified mice had fused digits and expanded connective tissue

Bats are the only mammals capable of true powered flight, yet their wings have evolved from the same basic five-digit limb structure found in all mammals. How, then, can they alone fly?

"At first, when scientists started comparing animals, we thought big anatomical differences must come from big differences in DNA," Christian Feregrino, a lead co-author of a new study published in *Nature Ecology & Evolution* said.

"But as more genomes were sequenced, we realised mammals share most of the same genes. Embryos, too, look very, very similar in early stages – you can't tell a bat from a mouse or even a dolphin. So the question became: how do the same genes, starting from the same blueprint, produce such different limbs?"

"The answer lay in what scientists call regulatory evolution: changing when, where, and how genes are switched on."

The chiropatagium mystery

Mammals usually have forelimbs that form arms or legs with five fingers or toes. In bats, these limbs have changed a lot over time. Digits (fingers) two through five are stretched out and connected by a thin sheet of skin called the chiropatagium, which makes up most of the wing's surface for flying.

Scientists have long wondered how bats keep this skin between their fingers. In other mammals, like humans or mice, the skin between the fingers disappears before birth in a process where the cells die on purpose, called apoptosis. One leading hypothesis is that bats evolved flight by suppressing this interdigital cell death, which allowed the skin to stay and form the wing's surface.

The new study painted a more nuanced picture, however.

To test whether bats really did suppress apoptosis in the developing wing, the researchers built an "interspecies limb atlas" using single-cell RNA sequencing, plus other genomic tools, on more than 180,000 cells from embryonic limb tissue from bats (*Carollia perspicillata*) and mice at various stages of development.

This allowed them to map every major cell population in the limb across key developmental stages, including those responsible for bone, muscle, connective tissue, and skin, and compare the results using computational models and statistical analyses.

"We expected to find special, unique cells in bats that form the chiropatagium," Magdalena Schindler, a co-lead author of the paper, said. "But our first big surprise was that, at the cellular level, bat and mouse limbs are almost identical. The same cell types appear throughout development, whether the limb becomes a paw or a wing."

In both species, genes linked to cell death, such as *Aldh1a2* and *Bmp2*, were active in the tissue between the fingers, even in bats where the chiropatagium persisted. This meant cell death still happened, challenging the hypothesis that wing tissue is retained because cell death is inhibited.

Digging deeper, the team performed targeted single-cell analysis of the chiropatagium itself by dissecting and sequencing the genetic material in cells from that region in bat embryos. They found a specialised population of fibroblasts – connective tissue cells – present only in bat forelimbs and between the fingers.

That is, instead of inventing a new cell type, evolution had repurposed an existing one normally found closer to the shoulder in mice. In bats, these cells are deployed between the digits while the surrounding cells still undergo apoptosis that sculpts separate fingers.

These fibroblasts showed high activity of two transcription factors, *MEIS2* and *TBX3*. In other mammals, these genes are switched off before fingers form. In bats, they are switched back on in the distal limb near the developing digits.

"They'd been spotted before in developing bat wings, but no one knew their role," Dr. Schindler said. "Our analysis now connects them to the identity of this specific fibroblast population, showing that they are central components of the genetic program that gives these cells their identity and may influence how apoptosis is regulated."

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>
> **CHRISTIAN FEREGRINO**
> LEAD CO-AUTHOR

This kind of genetic redeployment, known as evolutionary co-option, allows organisms to build new structures by using existing gene programmes rather than inventing new ones.

Testing in mice

But could these genes really drive wing formation on their own?

To test this, the researchers engineered transgenic mice to express bat versions of the genes *MEIS2* and *TBX3* in the distal limb and interdigital tissues, where they're usually silent. They used a special DNA enhancer that activated these genes in the developing fingers and the webbing between them.

The result: mouse embryos began to grow webbed digits, and the tissue between their fingers became thicker and more structured, much like an early bat wing. Cells in the webbing also began expressing other genes found in bat wing fibroblasts.

These changes weren't just molecular. When researchers imaged the limbs in 3D, they saw clear physical differences. The modified mice had fused digits and expanded connective tissue in the hand area, both hallmarks of the bat chiropatagium.

"With just these two transcription factors, we could partially recapitulate the bat's wing-building program," Dr. Feregrino said. "It's a long way from turning a mouse into a bat, as flight requires coordinated changes in bones, muscles, skin, and more. But the findings show how powerful these regulatory shifts can be."

Beyond bats

While the researchers weren't aiming for medical applications, the findings could help understand human developmental disorders. Syndactyly, a congenital condition where fingers remain fused, may share mechanisms with bat wing formation. Knowing which genes influence digit separation could help better diagnose or even treat such conditions.

"The study also offers clues to other evolutionary puzzles," Dr. Feregrino said. "Bird wings, fish fins, and whale flippers may all follow a similar strategy: start with a universal developmental plan, then tweak specific genetic 'dials' to create new forms."

"With single-cell tools, we expect to uncover many more ways evolution repurposes old genes creatively," Dr. Schindler added.

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BIG SHOT

A drone view shows a building with a helipad under construction for foreign heads of state who will stay at the adjacent "leaders village" during the upcoming UN climate change conference COP30 in November in Belem, Brazil. REUTERS

WHAT IS IT?

What is a supermoon?

Vasudevan Mukunth

A supermoon occurs when a full moon or new moon coincides with the moon's closest approach to the earth in its elliptical orbit — a point known as the perigee. Because the moon's orbit is not a perfect circle, its distance from the earth varies throughout the month by around 50,000 km. When the moon is near its perigee and also directly opposite the sun, the full moon appears about 14% larger and 30% brighter than when it is at its farthest point. This is the supermoon.

A supermoon was visible on the night of October 7 and will appear twice more in November and December.

The astrologer Richard Nolle popularised the term 'supermoon' in the 1970s, but it has since been adopted by astronomers and the media to describe the visually striking lunar events. Though the difference in size is subtle to the naked eye, the enhanced brightness often makes the moon appear vivid against the night sky, especially when seen low on the horizon.

Supermoons also influence the tides, creating perigean spring tides. These tides are slightly higher and lower than usual because the moon's stronger gravitational pull acts in concert with that of the sun. While the changes are typically modest, they can exacerbate coastal flooding when combined with storm surges.

Culturally, supermoons have long captured human imagination, inspiring folklore and spiritual observances across civilisations. They also offer opportunities for astronomers and photographers to observe lunar surface details and study tidal effects more clearly.

A full moon sets behind Stonehenge in April 2021, in Amesbury, England. GETTY IMAGES

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NCR registered against party in prison

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The jurisdictional Parappana Agarahara police have registered a non-cognizable report (NCR) after videos of a rowdy sheeter celebrating his birthday inside the Parappana Agrahara Central Prison in the city, which went viral.

The police are awaiting the inquiry report from the prison department, based on which necessary action will be taken, Seemant Kumar Singh, Commissioner of Police, said.

Following the incident, B. Dayananda, Additional Director-General of Police (Prisons), ordered the inquiry after Srinivasa alias Gubbachhi Seena, a rowdy sheeter currently in prison on murder charges, was seen celebrating his birthday with an apple garland and cutting cakes with a knife in the cell of the central prison.

The video went viral on social media questioning the security measures of the prison department and alleged preferential treatment to the prison inmates.

Stray dog feeding, microchipping programmes hit a roadblock

With the dissolution of the centralised Animal Husbandry Dept., the new corporations will each have their own wings

Chetan B.C.
BENGALURU

Synopsis

- The microchipping project was estimated to cost ₹3.23 crore
- The feeding programme was estimated at ₹2.88 crore
- The microchipping project failed to attract bids on three occasions, though two vendors showed interest the fourth time
- The feeding programme received praise from activists, with two interested bidders identified
- Project files have now been transferred to the new corporations and are unlikely to be implemented in the near future

Once regarded as flagship initiatives of the erstwhile Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), the dog feeding and microchipping programmes are now in limbo following the formation of new corporations.

With the dissolution of the centralised Animal Husbandry Department, the new corporations will each have their own dedicated animal husbandry wings within their respective jurisdictions. The departments will continue to oversee ongoing and previously sanctioned projects.

According to a senior official in the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), while projects that were under way before the formation of the five corporations will continue without interruption, the decision-making authority for projects where work orders have not yet been issued will now rest with the newly formed corporations.

In the case of the microchipping and feeding programmes, they were in early and late tender stages when the BBMP was dissolved. Each project had at least two interested bidders, and the BBMP was in the process of finalising the bids for the feeding programme.

"The GBA has no authority to implement the project; it can only guide the new corporations to consider investing in it. It is up to the corporations to allocate funds for the projects or drop them," the GBA source said, adding that the new corporations would need to recall the tenders if they choose to proceed.

'Yet to decide'

Officials from two of the newly formed corporations said they were yet to take a decision on these projects. However, they noted that the initiatives are not among their current priorities, as most funds are being directed toward addressing underlying infrastructure challenges.

According to tender documents and previous BBMP records, the microchipping project was estimated to cost ₹3.23 crore, while the feeding programme was estimated at ₹2.88 crore. The microchipping initiative aimed to implant chips in all stray dogs, with ₹3.09 crore earmarked for the procurement of 1,62,817 microchips and ₹14.85 lakh for the purchase of 50 microchip readers. Meanwhile, the feeding programme sought to establish 100 feeding spots to provide one meal a day for 4,000 dogs.

The GBA source noted that although the budget for these projects would not significantly burden the new corporations, the current fund inflow for civic bodies is limited and being prioritised for urgent issues rather than long-term programmes.

Delay in process

"Even if a corporation expresses interest in taking up the project, fresh tenders will have to be floated. By the time that happens, civic body elections will likely be announced. The subsequent transition period, with the return of councillors and committees, will further delay progress," the official added, suggesting that the projects are likely to be dropped unless the corporations show special interest.

Previous hurdles

However, challenges surrounding both these projects are not new. The initiatives faced considerable backlash from citizens and activists, though clarifications issued after their announcement eventually led to wider acceptance of the feeding programme. The microchipping project, however, continued to draw criticism, with activists even filing a PIL petition in the High Court. Moreover, tenders for microchipping were floated three times, but failed to attract any bidders.

In contrast, when a controversy erupted in Delhi over the treatment of stray dogs, the BBMP's proactive approach to dog feeding was widely appreciated by citizen groups, who praised it as a potential model for civic bodies across India.

Student run over by train near Banaswadi station

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 22-year-old student was killed on the spot after being hit by a train near Banaswadi station on Tuesday afternoon.

The deceased has been identified as Shashi Kumar G., a student of Presidency University, Yelahanka. A native of Veerannapalya, he was residing with his uncle in the city.

According to the Byappanahalli Railway Police, a Unnatural Death Report (UDR) has been registered in the case.

The point where Shashi Kumar was crossing the track has a steep curve covered with bushes. He was in a rush and failed to notice the train which was running at high speed, officials said.

Preliminary investigation suggested that the student may not have noticed the approaching train due to the curve and surrounding greenery.

The police also suspect that he was wearing earphones and failed to hear the sound of the train, which is being probed.

Based on the complaint filed by the locopilot, the Baiyappanahalli police are further investigating the case and awaiting post mortem report to rule out foul play.

Presidents appointed for five DCCs in Bengaluru

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The All India Congress Committee has appointed presidents for the five district Congress Committees (DCC) in Bengaluru. The new presidents are Abdul Wajid (Bengaluru North DCC); O. Manjunath (Bengaluru South DCC); D.K. Mohan Babu (Bengaluru East DCC); Hanumantharayappa (Bengaluru West DCC); and K. Nandakumar (Bengaluru Central DCC). Meanwhile K.V. Gautham has been appointed general secretary of KPCC, according to a release by the AICC.

George defends Sharavati project

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

Minister for Energy K.J. George has said that the Karnataka Power Corporation Limited has taken up the Sharavati Pumped Storage Project (PSP) to meet the energy demands during peak hours.

"It has been a challenge to meet the requirements during peak hours," he told presspersons during his visit to Lakkavalli in Tarikere taluk on Monday.

Mr. George said the energy requirement would reach the highest point between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m., and 6 a.m. and 8 a.m. The Sharavati PSP, proposed to generate 2,000 MW, would help meet the demand, he stated.

"There are misconceptions about the project among some people. The officers are engaged in the efforts to clear them," the Minister said.

Gang of eight running online investment scam busted after fraudsters cheat their own employee

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In what is probably a first, the South West Division police busted a gang of eight people who were allegedly running an online investment scam duping gullible investors with high rates of returns and hacking into their account by tricking them into downloading malicious APK file.

The accused not only cheated hundreds of people across the country and even outside the country, but also cheated one of their employees, which helped the police crack the case.

After being cheated, one of the team members working with them walked out of the ring and alerted the police.

Based on the tip-off, a special team of police led by DCP Southwest Anitha Haddannavar carried out a series of raids at seven places and arrested eight persons allegedly

red-handed.

The police seized 15 laptops, 40 mobile phones, 11 pen drives, 42 mobile SIMs, 4 iPads, two hard disk drives, 10 memory cards, foreign currency, expensive branded watches, currency counting machines and over 50 bank account documents from them.

Explaining the *modus operandi*, a senior police officer said that the accused would send random messages on social media platforms like Whatsapp, Facebook and Instagram offering high returns on investment.

The accused would then send an APK link to those who responded and showed interest, asking them to click on the file to complete the formality to join the investment group. Once the malicious link was clicked, the accused would access the account details and transfer the money to different back accounts.

A case has been registered against the accused in the Kengeri police station and investigations are on to trace the victims.

Holiday extension flayed

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The AIDSO has taken objection to the extension of holidays in schools to facilitate the completion of the Social and Educational Survey.

The organisation said that school teachers were already handling non-teaching responsibilities and added that reports had emerged that the survey work had become an additional responsibility for the teachers.

Timings
BENGALURU

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 08	
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RISE 19:01	SET 07:02
THURSDAY, OCT. 09	
RISE 06:09	SET 18:04
RISE 19:53	SET 08:04
FRIDAY, OCT. 10	
RISE 06:09	SET 18:04
RISE 20:49	SET 09:10

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Tumakuru	30	24
Mysuru	29	20
Bengaluru	28	20

Bengaluru Today
28°C The weather will be comfortable. Night will be pleasant. Spell of light rain and thundershower to occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
29°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be slight warm. Night also will be pleasant. Mostly dry weather is likely.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

People killed in Gaza, two years after the October 7 attack

67,000 World leaders marked the second anniversary of the Palestinian militant group's attack which sparked the war in Gaza by urging Hamas to free the remaining captives and calling for an immediate ceasefire. AFP

Number of CAPF companies being deployed in Bihar

1,200 The Election Commission may deploy up to 1,200 companies of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) for the Bihar Assembly elections on November 6 and 11. Around 500 units have already reached the State as part of the pre-poll deployment. PTI

Number of wild elephants in the State of Tamil Nadu

3,170 Tamil Nadu's wild elephant population has grown to 3,170, up from 3,063 in the previous count, according to the 2025 synchronised elephant estimation report as part of the Wildlife Week celebrations at the Secretariat. PTI

Number of teachers engaged in the ongoing caste survey

1.2 In lakh. Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah announced that all government and aided schools will remain closed from October 8-18 to help complete the State's ongoing Social and Educational Survey. The survey aims to map Karnataka's educational landscape. PTI

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Why Indian capital needs to invest domestically

As the global economy now moves to an extended period of uncertainty, due to tariffs and fluctuations in world trade, India's private business houses have to work closely with the government and align with public interest to maintain the economy's growth momentum

ECONOMIC NOTES

M. Suresh Babu

A central challenge for policy makers in India, at the present juncture, is to work out a balance between the long-term benefits of global trade and the short-term harms that current uncertainties pose to large sections of the population who are at risk of low wages and unemployment. Tackling this requires a change of the existing system to account for the needs of the larger masses rather than only enriching private capital's interests.

The evolution of capital

Indian capital has an important role to play in this change by becoming more inclusive of a broader set of interests beyond individual profits and rapid accumulation. The history of capitalism shows that this is not impossible as capitalism has evolved before, and if it is to continue into the future, it can evolve again. As the economy is at risk of negative shock to external demand for its products, due to unprecedented tariffs imposed and distortions caused in the global trading system, Indian capital needs to reinvent itself and work closely with the government to mitigate the risks posed.

Historically private businesses, managed by Indian capital, have clamoured for a more active role in the economy as well as larger concessions and subsidies along with a liberal business environment. Governments have often been called on to command and control such businesses. These private enterprises used India's protected economic environment (pre-liberalisation) to grow and accumulate by riding on inward-looking policies and reaping supernormal profits (excess of normal profit) from protected domestic markets. The accumulated surpluses gave them the confidence to cross borders, buy out businesses elsewhere and forge global links when the economy opened up in the early nineties. This phenomenon, though not widespread among Indian businesses, has created depth in Indian capital, spawning some giants who control various important sectors of Indian industry.

However, as the global economy now moves to an extended period of uncertainty, these business houses now have to work closely with the government and align with public interest to maintain the economy's growth momentum.

Three key processes were instrumental in the emergence and subsequent development of mass markets in the contemporary global economy. First, the creation of a wage-labour class; second, the productivity-enhancing effects of industrial mass production; and third, changes in the composition of demand as personal incomes grew.

The growth of demand is an important but unrecognised ingredient in these processes. Firms require an expansion of demand if they are to realise profits from the production of additional goods and services. Most of the current macroeconomic policy frameworks simply assume that demand responds passively to supply, therefore the expansion of the latter is all that is of interest to growth.

In a globalised world, demand has two components, domestic and external. Early approaches to industrialisation focussed on the domestic component and later ones emphasised on the external side. The current turbulence in the global economy has led to shocks in external demand and hence exports are impacting aggregate demand and inducing vulnerabilities and fluctuations in external demand. In this scenario turning to domestic markets, raising the levels of domestic demand and catering to it, remains a viable option.

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The importance of domestic capital

In India, domestic capital has an important role to play in stimulating domestic demand via three routes.

The first area for more active involvement of Indian capital is to enhance internal private investments. Despite India Inc. sitting on record-high profits, the willingness to invest hasn't kept pace with such profits. During the post-COVID period, public investments did all the heavy lifting. Fiscal policy has been fine tuned to offer incentives, while monetary policy has been responding with easier access to credit. A bulk of the regulatory requirements have been simplified along with the tax regime. Infrastructure development has been accorded high priority along with a slew of benefits, such as production-linked incentives. The net effect of all these is reflected in the indicators of the business environment.

However, despite these efforts by the government, private investments have remained flat over the past few years. The Finance Ministry in its June monthly review noted that "Slow credit growth and private investment appetite may restrict acceleration in economic momentum," underscoring the urgent need for the private sector to step up.

While private capex remains subdued, public capital expenditure surged from ₹3.4 lakh crore in FY20 to ₹10.2 lakh crore in FY25, which is a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 25%, driven largely by railways, roads, highways, and communications. Interestingly, during a period of sluggish domestic private investments, India's outward foreign direct investment (FDI) flows have grown at a sharp pace over the past five years, with a CAGR of 12.6%, much higher than the global average of 3.9%. This indicates that Indian capital is keener to explore foreign locations than its domestic economy. An opportune time has come for a reversal of this.

The second thrust area is to ensure that there is moderate wage growth in the economy. The Economic Survey 2024-25 flagged the trend of increasing corporate profits and lagging wage growth. In 2023-24, profits touched a 15-year high, while growth in wages stagnated. This affects distribution in the economy and dampens domestic demand. Rating agencies project that real wage growth might decline to 6.5% in FY26, down from 7% in FY25. Real wages are expected to grow faster when inflation is low. However, we find evidence contrary to it indicating worsening of distribution. The growing trend towards contratualisation within formal sectors has been eroding the collective bargaining power of workers, leading to slower wage growth within the manufacturing sector.

The third area for priority action is to invest more in Research and Development (R&D). The tendency has been to invest less and only in areas of quick returns. This paradigm has to change as fundamental research and development is crucial for long term productivity gains. The gross expenditure on R&D in India is 0.64% of the GDP, which is insufficient and remains low compared to many advanced economies. Further, R&D funding in India is primarily through the government. In the U.S., China, Japan, and South Korea, private enterprises routinely contribute more than 70% to the total national R&D expenditure. In China, R&D spending has reached 2.1% of the GDP, with the private sector complementing the funding of the government, while in India only around 36% of R&D is funded by the private sector. In India not only is the private sector investment in innovation low, but it is also concentrated in sectors such as drugs and pharmaceuticals, information technology, transport, defence, and biotechnology.

The road ahead

An uncertain global economic environment calls for unified responses from the government and the private sector.

While the government has been facilitating the creation of a favourable environment for businesses, that effort alone is not sufficient for tackling present challenges. Long term national interest needs to be protected by Indian capital by keeping it as an objective above profit maximisation. It is time for Indian capital to step in more actively.

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Bigg Boss Kannada 12 gets KSPCB notice for violation of norms

KSPCB order says Vels Studio and Entertainment Limited, the amusement park where the reality show is being shot, was operating without obtaining valid consent from the pollution control board

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The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) has ordered the closure of M/s. Vels Studio and Entertainment Limited located in Bidadi Industrial Area, Bengaluru South district, for non-compliance of environmental norms.

M/s. Vels Studio and Entertainment Limited (M/s. Jolly Wood Studios and Adventures) is where the current edition of the Bigg Boss Kannada reality television show is being shot.

According to a KSPCB order issued on October 6, 2025, M/s. Vels Studio and Entertainment Limited is an amusement park established and operating without obtaining valid consent from the board which falls under Green Category.

A file photo of actor Kichcha Sudeep, who is the host of Bigg Boss Kannada 12.

Waste water

It added that during inspection it was found that waste water generated from different domains of the amusement park was discharged outside the premises without any treatment and causing pollution to the surrounding environment.

It further said that the park authorities have provided a Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP) of 250 kilo liters per day (KLD). "However, no sewer, no inflow of sewerage to STP was observed, all STP units installed were empty and discharging the waste water outside the premises without any treatment," it said.

During inspection it was also found that the housekeeping near STP is very poor and there is no flowchart displayed.

Diesel Generating sets of capacity 625 KVA and 500 KVA were also installed and operating in the premises.

"The park authorities have disposed of the solid waste generated viz., disposable paper plates, cups, and plastic waste near STP area without any segregation in an unscientific manner," it added.

KSPCB has issued closure orders under Section 33(A) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, read with Rule 34 of Karnataka Board for the Prevention and Control of Water Pollution (Procedure for Transaction of Business), and the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Rules, 1976.

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In 2024

Environment Minister Eshwar Khandre said the KSPCB Regional Office in Ramanagara had issued notices to the studio twice in 2024, which its promoters did not comply with. He said that the studio was operating without obtaining permission under the Water Act and Air Act.

Show paused

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Owing to the closure of the studio, the Big Boss reality show has been paused, say sources. The organisers of the show are set to take the legal route to resolve the issue. It is also learnt that the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board had issued the notice twice to the studio earlier with no response.

Authority targets three lakh households per day for survey

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Greater Bengaluru Authority officials briefing enumerators at Girinagar Ward 162 Office in Bengaluru. K. MURALI KUMAR

An average of 1.7 lakh households in the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) area are being covered daily by enumerators conducting the socio-economic survey.

M. Maheshwar Rao, Chief Commissioner of GBA, said the aim is to cover 3 lakh households per day, as the Karnataka government has set October 19 as the deadline to complete the survey in the GBA area.

"There are an estimated 46 lakh houses in total, and by Tuesday evening, nearly three lakh houses have been covered," Mr. Rao said. However, the absence of enumerators has slowed initial progress.

According to Mr. Rao, 26,000 enumerators have been identified, of which nearly 5,000 have been granted exemptions on medical or serious personal grounds. About 18,000 enumerators have reported for duty as of Tuesday, while around 3,000 are yet to join.

"About 3,000 enumerators are still yet to report for duty. We have sent them messages four times, and this will be followed by notices and disciplinary action," said Mr. Rao.

When asked about enumerators being posted in far-off areas, requiring daily travel of around 30 km, Mr. Rao explained, "Enumerators were given the option to choose their preferred wards, which formed the basis for deployment. In some cases, it was unavoidable, as certain areas had fewer government employees, compelling us to assign distant locations."

To increase citizen participation, all city corporation commissioners will hold meetings with Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs) to highlight the importance and benefits of the survey.

Additionally, Bengaluru residents have received messages containing links to the survey questionnaire, enabling them to complete it online.

"This data will assist the government in multiple ways, including policy formulation and welfare scheme planning," Mr. Rao emphasised.

Responding to concerns about enumerators insisting on voter ID, Munish Moudgil, Special Commissioner (Revenue), clarified that respondents can skip the voter ID question if they wish, though Aadhaar is mandatory.

He further added that migrant populations are also being enumerated, based on their willingness, to help record figures of migrant residents.

Elephant captured

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SHIVAMOGGA

Officials of the Forest Department on Monday captured an elephant at Guddehalla village in Chikkamagaluru district, which had reportedly damaged crops in villages of Kanuru panchayat in N.R. Pura taluk.

The local residents had complained to the Forest Department that the animal frequented plantations in the villages and raided crops, causing losses to farmers.

Considering the people's demand, the elected representatives had urged Minister for Forest, Ecology, and Environment Eshwar Khandre to capture the trouble-causing elephant.

Six trained elephants

After obtaining permission from the department to capture the animal, six trained elephants were brought from Sakrebailu in Shivamogga and Dubare in Kodagu for the operation.

In the presence of veterinarians, a tranquilliser dart was fired to sedate the animal. Later, the jumbo was captured with the help of the trained elephants.

Govt. restores full administrative powers to Kidwai institute director

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A file photo of Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology

The State government has restored full administrative and financial powers to the director of the Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, ending the interim arrangement under which an IAS official was functioning as administrator of the premier cancer care centre.

The post of the administrator had been created following reports of alleged irregularities and procedural lapses at the institute.

A government order (GO) issued on September 30 followed a detailed review of the administrative set-up at the institute. Officials said the decision was taken in the interest of public service and institutional efficiency. The order restores administrative control – including matters related to staff service, finance, procurement, and human resource management – to the director's office with immediate effect.

The functioning of the institute has been hampered by the lack of a full-time director, affecting patient care. Frequent administrative changes delayed tendering processes for life-saving medicines and consumables, forcing patients to purchase costly drugs from outside, even when covered under health schemes.

Since February last year, when former director V. Lokesh was placed under suspension, the institute has seen four in-charge directors and three administrators. Dr. Lokesh, who headed the Department of Radiation Oncology, was appointed director on October 17, 2022, during the previous BJP government.

After complaints regarding a lack of transparency in procurement, the Congress government set up a three-member committee headed by Arundathi Chandrashekar, Commissioner of Treasuries, to probe the alleged irregularities. Based on the committee's report, Dr. Lokesh was removed, and Syed Altaf, professor and Head of Surgical Oncology, was appointed in-charge director on February 21, 2024, while IAS officer N. Manjushree was appointed administrator for six months.

Legal challenges followed, and subsequent appointments and resignations of the in-charge directors – Tejaswini B., Ravi Arjun, and Naveen T. – created further instability.

Administrators also changed frequently. After Ms. Manjushree, Naveen Bhat Y. and Avinash Menon Rajendran held charge.

On September 27, the Karnataka Lokayukta launched a *suo motu* probe into alleged mismanagement following an anonymous complaint. A surprise inspection by Lokayukta B.S. Patil highlighted lapses, including limited oversight by the administrator (IAS official) visiting the hospital once a week.

Following this, Mr. Rajendran was relieved of his post as administrator on September 29, and the government restored full administrative and financial powers to the in-charge director, a move expected to stabilise operations.

Film director- producer held on charge of harassing heroine

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The Rajajinagar police on Monday arrested a 33-year-old Kannada director-producer on the charge of sexually harassing the heroine of his movie for the last three years.

Based on a complaint filed by the victim on September 19, the police arrested Hemanth Kumar, a resident of Annapoorneshwari Nagar, charging him under Section 354 (assault or using criminal force on a woman with the intent to outrage her modesty), 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace), 506 (criminal intimidation), 509 (insult the modesty of a woman) of the IPC, and also under Section 66E (capturing, publishing, or transmitting an image of a person's private area without consent under circumstances violating privacy) and 67 (publishing or transmitting obscene material in electronic form) of the IT Act for further investigation.

The accused was arrested on Sunday and remanded in judicial custody.

The victim in her complaint said that she was a TV artist for many years and was approached by the accused with a lead role in his upcoming move. He offered ₹2 lakh remuneration and paid a part of it in April 2022.

He allegedly started harassing the victim forcing her to dress indecently during the shoot and touched her inappropriately many times. The victim resisted and warned him, after which the accused postponed the shooting indefinitely, she stated.

The accused in September 2023, forced her to accompany him to Mumbai for the promotion of his movie and forced her to consume alcohol spiked with sedative and recorded videos of her, she said in the complaint.

Using the videos, the accused allegedly started blackmailing her seeking sexual favours and threatened to upload the videos on social media when she objected.

The victim approached the court and got a stay for which the accused allegedly set goons to stalk her.

Lighting up homes

A potter makes diyas, a traditional Indian lamp, ahead of the Deepavali festival in Pottery Town in Bengaluru on Sunday. ALLEN EGENUSE J.

Minister: Entry of VIPs, pass holders streamlined for Hasanamba festival

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

Minister for Revenue Krishna Byre Gowda said that the district administration has taken measures to ensure smooth entry of devotees to Hasanamba Temple, by streamlining the entry of VIPs and pass holders during the Hasanamba festival, beginning on October 9.

In a press meet in Bengaluru on Monday, Mr. Byre Gowda, who is also Minister in charge of Hassan district, said the number of people visiting the temple during the festival had been increasing year after year. Last year, more than 20 lakh devotees from different parts of the State and outside visited the temple. This time the administration was expecting around 25 lakh.

In view of the inconvenience caused to the public last year, the administration has decided to fix timings for the pass holders and VIPs. Except for the Governor, Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister, and judges, every other VIP had to inform the district administration about the day of visit in advance and reach the Inspection Bungalow (IB), from where the district administration would take them in separate vehicles.

"In past years, the congestion was caused as individual vehicles of the VIPs were allowed up to the temple premises. This time, the administration will take them to the temple in designated vehicles and drop them back at the IB," he said. "We imposed time restrictions to ensure the public are not made to wait in the queue for long," he said.

Three-day event devotional event from Oct.10

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The 23rd annual Sri Purandaradasa Jayanti and Pudukkottai Sri Gopalakrishna Bhagavathaswamy Jayanti will be celebrated by *Namasmaran* with a three-day devotional event from October 10 to 12 at Mudaliar Sangam Hall, near Ulsoor Lake.

The programme features Ashtapadis, Panchapadis, Namasankeerthanam, and Dolotsavam by over 20 renowned artists. Highlights include Unchavrithi, Radha Madhava Kalyana Utsavam, and discourses such as *Hanumath Prabhavam*. Notable performances include those by Thanjavur Thyagaraja Bhagavathar, Sathguru Gnanananda Bhajan Mandali, and Kadayanallur Raghunath Das Maharaj. Devotees will witness traditional bhajan rituals and Utsavams, creating a spiritually enriching atmosphere.

This annual celebration promotes the namasankeerthan tradition, fostering devotion through music and community.

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Modernisation of financial architecture: how India is adopting stablecoins

Stablecoins are blockchain-based digital assets designed to maintain a consistent value over time. Until recently, India's approach to stablecoins was cautious. But now Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has stated that India needs to be ready to engage with crypto assets such as stablecoins

Sanhita Chauriha

Stablecoins are a category of crypto assets that aim to maintain a stable value relative to a specified asset, or basket of assets, providing perceived stability. Various definitions of stablecoins exist, with different countries; standard-setting bodies such as the Financial Stability Board, Bank for International Settlements and International Monetary Fund; and many central banks contributing to these definitions.

Largely, stablecoins are blockchain-based digital assets designed to maintain a consistent value over time. They achieve this by being backed by reserves such as fiat currencies, commodities, or other crypto assets. They are a distinct class of Virtual Digital Assets (VDAs) backed by fiat currencies, commodities, or other assets. They aim to maintain a stable value, thereby distinguishing them from other VDAs.

Broadly, there are three types of stablecoins:

Fiat-backed stablecoins – these are backed by reserves of traditional currencies such as the U.S. dollar or Euro, held in banks or regulated institutions. Examples include the USDT and USDC.

Crypto-backed stablecoins – these are collateralised by other crypto assets. DAI, backed by Ethereum, is a leading example.

Algorithmic stablecoins – these maintain stability through automated algorithms that adjust supply and demand, without relying on reserves. They are more experimental and risk-prone, as seen with projects like TerraUSD.

New financial plumbing

In the traditional financial world, cross-border payments are expensive, slow, and fragmented. Stablecoins are digital tokens backed by fiat reserves and powered by blockchain rails which are rewriting that equation. According to Visa's 2025 report Making Crypto Real, over $220 billion worth of stablecoins are already in circulation, with transactions settling in seconds rather than days, and at a fraction of traditional costs. The average remittance via stablecoin costs as little as $0.01, compared to $44 through conventional banking routes.

This efficiency is not just a technical feat; it's economic evolution. In the same way that HTTP allowed information to flow seamlessly across the web, stablecoins could enable value to flow over digital rails in real time. The emerging vision, often described as "agentic payments," imagines a world where AI systems autonomously initiate transactions paying cloud providers, renewing subscriptions, or even reallocating treasury funds over stablecoin protocols.

A maturing global order

Stablecoins have outgrown their niche origins. Institutional finance has taken notice. BlackRock, Fidelity, and Bank of America have each announced or launched stablecoin initiatives, while Societe Generale became the first major European bank to issue a dollar-pegged coin in 2025. Regulators, once sceptical, are now codifying legitimacy. The EU's MiCA framework and the U.S. GENIUS Act provide clear definitions, reserve standards, and consumer protections, transforming stablecoins into regulated financial instruments.

In effect, what we are witnessing is not the replacement of traditional money but its modernisation. A new three-layered structure is emerging– the blockchain base layer which is decentralised, auditable, and interoperable; the reserve layer which includes regulated institutions backing stablecoins with transparent fiat or treasury reserves; and the interface layer where payment cards, APIs, and digital wallets are making stablecoins usable in everyday commerce.

Visa and Mastercard's moves to support stablecoin settlement on Ethereum and Solana are not experiments; they are strategic recalibrations.

Stablecoins are fast emerging as a new settlement layer for global finance. Value can now move as seamlessly as information flows online. By bypassing legacy rails like SWIFT, they transform cross-border transfers from days to seconds, creating a real-time, programmable foundation for the internet economy.

India's evolving stance

Until recently, India's approach to stablecoins was cautious. But the global tide is shifting, and so is New Delhi's calculus. Recently, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has stated that India needs to be ready to engage with crypto assets, like stablecoins.

The maturation of stablecoins mirrors the path the Internet itself once took: from anarchic experimentation to institutional adoption. What was once a tool for traders is now morphing into a universal payment backbone. In emerging markets, stablecoins are filling gaps that banks find tough to reach; in developed markets, they are cutting inefficiencies that banks long tolerated.

In Visa's language, stablecoins are "crypto's superpower." Their functional advantages, that is, speed, low cost, and transparency are undeniable. But their real promise lies in what they can enable. In an AI-driven, hyper-connected economy, money must move at machine speed.

The road ahead

India's digital infrastructure built on UPI, Aadhaar, and account aggregators has already redefined inclusion. The next leap is interoperability: not just between banks, but between blockchains, currencies, and algorithms. Stablecoins, with clear regulation and institutional backing, could provide that bridge.

The debate, then, is no longer whether stablecoins will shape the future of finance but how India chooses to shape stablecoins. As the world's financial plumbing gets rewired, nations that embrace stable, programmable, and globally interoperable money will define the rules of the new digital economy. Stablecoins will not replace fiat but they will redefine what fiat feels like in an Internet-operated world.

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THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

A quiz on Russian President Vladimir Putin who was born on October 7, in 1952

Sindhu Nagaraj

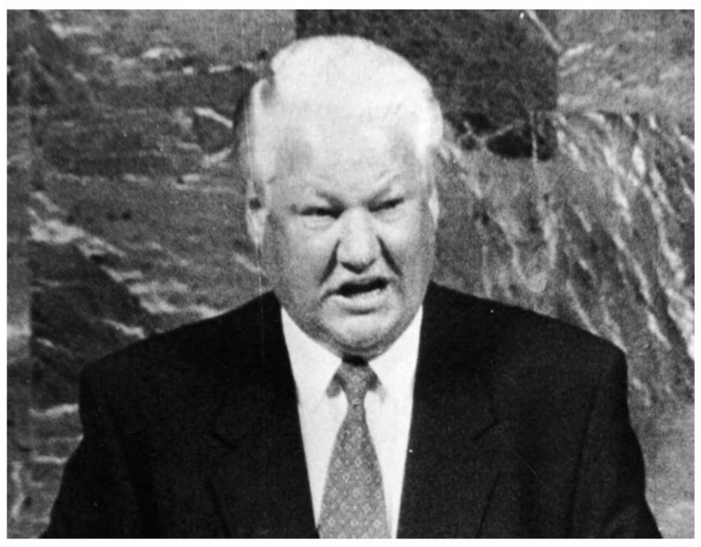
QUESTION 1
Apart from his tenure as President, Mr. Putin has also served Russia in what major capacity?

QUESTION 2
What was the name of the security agency in Russia, during the Soviet era, for which Mr. Putin first worked as a foreign intelligence officer?

QUESTION 3
In March 2023, the International Criminal Court issued an arrest warrant for Mr. Putin for war crimes. What was he mainly accused of?

QUESTION 4
Mr. Putin's grandfather was a personal cook to which former Russian revolutionaries?

QUESTION 5
In May 2024, Putin was inaugurated as President of Russia for the _____ time. Fill in the blank.



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Identify this Russian politician. How was he related to Mr. Putin? THE HINDU ARCHIVES

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. Mother Teresa said the call to found the order came on a train journey to this place in 1946. **Ans: Darjeeling**
2. These many sisters were part of the initial congregation. **Ans: 12 sisters (including Mother Teresa) in Kolkata**
3. The names of the first home for the dying destitutes and abandoned children. **Ans: 'Nirmal Hriday' and 'Shishu Bhavan'**
4. The country in which the order started its first house outside India. **Ans: Venezuela**
5. The government of India marked the canonisation of Mother Teresa with this. **Ans: The distinct blue border saree, the apparel worn by the Missionaries of Charities nuns, was given IP recognition and trademarked**
6. This person founded the Missionary Brothers of Charity in 1963. **Ans: Brother Andrew (formerly Ian Travers-Ballan)**
7. It takes this long to become a full-fledged missionary of Charity. **Ans: Nine years**
Visual: Name the headquarters of the Missionaries of Charity. **Ans: Mother House in Kolkata**
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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know Your English

Upendran

"How are you feeling this morning?"

"Just great! The tablets that the doctor gave me cured me from the cold."

"That's good! Now that you've been cured of the cold, what do you plan to..."

"... cured of my cold! Shouldn't it be cured from my cold?"

"You're usually 'cured of' something. For example, the doctor promised my aunt that he would cure her of cancer."

"Our family doctor has cured my father of his migraines. Does that sound OK?"

"Sounds fine to me. Some researchers claim that they have a miracle drug which can cure people of AIDS."

"A drug which can cure people of AIDS! I wish I had known about it earlier."

"Why?"

"I would have told my friend. His cousin died from AIDS recently."

"You don't die 'from', but 'die of' something. For example, thousands of people die of AIDS every year."

"In the past few years several people in my family have died of cancer."

"Every day in the newspaper we read about people dying of starvation."

"That's true. And you also read about people who die of grief."

"That's a good example. Now then, why did you..."

"... before I forget, I have some news for you. My physics teacher has decided to leave teaching."

"I am sure you and your classmates are delighted. But why has she decided to give up teaching?"

"She has decided to leave teaching..."

"... not 'leave' teaching, but 'give up' teaching. When you decide to stop doing something, it's better to use 'give up' rather than 'leave.' For example, a friend of mine has decided to give up painting."

"Meaning that he has decided to quit painting?"

"That's right."

"I wish some of our Ministers and Chief Ministers would give up politics. Life would be so wonderful then."

"Wishful thinking indeed! My neighbour is planning to give up singing."

"Lucky you! I wish my neighbour would give up playing the violin. I get a headache every time she plays it."

"That's no problem. All you have to do is to take a pill every time she plays."

"But she plays the violin every day. I don't want to become dependent of pills."

"You're always 'dependent on' or 'dependent upon' someone or something. Not 'dependent of.' For example, some people become dependent on/upon drugs and alcohol very early in life."

"Young children are dependent on/upon their parents for food and shelter."

"That's true. Many European countries are dependent on/upon the Arab nations for their oil."

"I don't like to be dependent on anyone. I like to be independent on all..."

"... it's 'dependent on', but 'independent of.' For example, most teenagers want to be independent of their parents."

"But the parents want the teenagers to be dependent on them."

Published in The Hindu on May 19, 1998.

Word of the day

Compunction:
a feeling of deep regret (usually for some misdeed)

Synonyms: remorse, self-reproach

Usage: *He had no compunction about deceiving her.*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/compunctionpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /kəmˈpʌŋk.ʃən/

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Dasara festivities see record waste collection by Mysuru civic body

MCC workers clearing trash from the Maharaja College Grounds, the venue of the Dasara Food Mela, in Mysuru on Tuesday. M.A. SRIRAM

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The Dasara festivities concluded on October 2 with the government declaring it a grand success. However, given the record footfalls in Mysuru, the celebrations also resulted in the generation of a large quantity of solid waste.

The highest volume of garbage was collected from the Dasara Food Mela held at the Maharaja's College Grounds.

The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is still in the process of clearing trash

Over 1,000 tonnes of garbage were generated during the festival

collected at the food mela, which was a huge success and attracted a record number of people. The venue was spread across a large area with the Dasara festival committee shifting it to the present venue from the Scouts and Guides Grounds to accommodate more stalls and food enthusiasts. If the statistics shared by the MCC are any indication, the trash generated during Dasara was over 1,000 tonnes – the highest in recent years. The food mela alone generated nearly 50 to 60 tonnes of waste daily with over 200 stalls set up, featuring both vegetarian and non-vegetarian food.

Pourakarmikas worked in three shifts to clear the trash collected in the city. Thanks to their dedicated efforts, the city was free from trash as it used to be collected in the night everyday. The next morning the city used to look spic and span, as the events continued and footfalls went up daily when the finale neared.

The pourakarmikas worked in three shifts – 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. and 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. More than 250 additional workers were roped in to handle the cleaning works.

The pourakarmikas particularly focused their work in the central business district and around the tourist destinations and Dasara event venues.

Solid waste

On October 2 alone, when the city hosted the Dasara finale, the city is said to have generated over 125 to 150 tonnes of solid waste. The MCC authorities said that the trash generated this Dasara was much more compared to previous years as the turnout was bigger.

"The daily cleaning of the city took place in the night only after the lights as part of the special illumination of the roads and circles were switched off and tourists number dwindled. Unless the lights were switched off, it was difficult for the workers to take up the cleaning work," they added.

SWR begins phased rollout of Kavach train protection system

A file photo of a loco pilot checking the functioning of Kavach. Kavach is an Automatic Train Protection system designed to enhance railway safety.

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The South Western Railway (SWR) has initiated the process of implementing the indigenously developed Kavach, an electronic rail safety mechanism system, across its network, covering a total of 3,692 route km (RKM). Developed by the Research Design and Standards Organisation (RDSO) in collaboration with the Indian industry, Kavach is an Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system designed to significantly enhance safety of the railways.

In two stages

According to SWR officials, the project will be executed in two stages. The first phase will cover 1,568 RKM at an estimated cost of ₹628.63 crore, while the second phase will extend the system to the remaining 2,124 RKM.

Officials explained that Kavach is a state-of-the-art electronic safety mechanism built to Safety Integrity Level-4 (SIL-4) standards, the highest benchmark in railway safety.

"Its primary function is to prevent trains from passing signals set at danger (red) and to avert collisions. If a loco pilot fails to slow down as per prescribed speed restrictions, Kavach automatically triggers the braking system. It also ensures that two locomotives fitted with functional Kavach systems do not collide. Another crucial feature is the automatic relay of SoS messages during emergencies,

Officials explained that Kavach is a state-of-the-art electronic safety mechanism built to Safety Integrity Level-4 (SIL-4) standards, the highest benchmark in railway safety

along with live centralised monitoring of train movements via the Network Monitor System," the official said.

The system functions as a Traffic Collision Avoidance System (TCAS), using on-board equipment and transmission towers at stations linked through Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags.

"This facilitates two-way communication between the station master and the loco pilot during emergencies. Inside the locomotive cabin, an instrument panel provides advance signal information, permissible speed limits, and warnings. In cases where a red signal is ignored, or trains are on a collision course, the system intervenes instantly by applying emergency brakes. Kavach also automatically activates a hooter while approaching level crossings, aiding loco-pilots in low-visibility conditions such as fog," official added.

Meanwhile, the Railways has sanctioned work to equip 299 locomotives under SWR with Loco Kavach. Officials said the detailed project estimate is currently under vetting by the accounts department.

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Holidays for govt., aided schools extended

These schools were set to reopen today, but now the Dasara holidays will end on October 18; this has been done to enable teachers to complete the Social and Educational Survey; special classes to be held after schools reopen to make up for extended holiday

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Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar during a meeting to review the Social and Educational Survey on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Under pressure from teachers, who expressed dissatisfaction at being asked to teach and also conduct the Social and Educational Survey in Karnataka from Wednesday, the State government on Tuesday extended the Dasara holidays for government and aided schools till October 18 to enable completion of the survey.

While the survey being conducted by the Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes was to end on Tuesday, government and aided schools were set to reopen after Dasara holidays on Wednesday.

The extension of the Dasara holidays would mean a loss of eight working days, which the government has said would be covered with special classes after schools reopen.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday said that the Department of School Education and Literacy and the commission have come to an understanding about the survey work.

Incomplete work

"Survey work has not been completed in all districts. If the survey has reached 97% of the targeted households in Koppal, it is about 67% in Dakshina Kannada. Based on a petition from a teachers' association that sought another 10 days to complete the survey, we have decided to extend the survey work till October 18," the Chief Minister told presspersons here, after he and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar met representatives of teachers and Congress MLC Puttanna.

He also threatened action against teachers who do not participate in the survey work.

As per an earlier order by the Commissioner of Public Instruction Suralkar Vikas Kishor on Monday, the school timings had been revised to keep them open from 8 a.m. till 1 p.m., and teachers had been asked to conduct the survey in the afternoon. The order had extended survey work across the State till October 12 and in Greater Bengaluru Authority region till October 24.

Teachers had expressed opposition to the arrangement and had sought extension of the holidays till the survey work is completed.

Petition to govt.

The Karnataka State Primary School Teachers' Association in its petition requested the government to extend the Dasara holidays by 10 days within which its members who are primary and high school teachers are committed to complete the survey work.

Mr. Siddaramaiah also said that the government has decided to exempt pre-university college lecturers from the survey since the mid-term examination are commencing on October 12.

The government also announced a compensation of ₹20 lakh each to the families of three teachers who have died while undertaking survey work.

Survey covers 67.28% of households in State

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By the end of Tuesday, a total of 1.19 crore households out of the total 1.43 crore in the State, had been enumerated.

According to data shared by the government, a total of 4.47 crore of the State's population has been covered.

In the Greater Bengaluru Authority region, 4.12 lakh households out of 39.82 lakh households have been surveyed so far.

The total coverage of the State is 67.28% while the State's coverage barring Greater Bengaluru Authority region is 83.2%. The coverage in GBA region stood at 10.4%.

Ex-PM Deve Gowda hospitalised, condition stable

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H.D. Deve Gowda

Former Prime Minister and Janata Dal (Secular) patriarch H.D. Deve Gowda has been hospitalised in Bengaluru after developing a urinary tract infection (UTI) accompanied by high fever and chills.

The 92-year-old leader was admitted to Manipal Hospital on Old Airport Road on Monday evening. Doctors said his condition is stable.

In a statement issued on Tuesday, the hospital said that Mr. Gowda "was admitted with an infection" and is "currently undergoing medical management for the same". His condition is being closely monitored by a team of specialists, the statement added.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, C.N. Manjunath, Bengaluru Rural MP and Mr. Gowda's son-in-law, said the former Prime Minister was being treated in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). "He developed a high fever with chills due to UTI. His renal parameters were also deranged and he required hospital care. He may have to remain in the ICU for one or two days before being shifted to the ward," Dr. Manjunath said.

He added that Mr. Gowda is expected to stay in hospital for a few more days before discharge.

Mr. Gowda, who continues to remain active in political affairs, had been attending a series of meetings related to party activities in recent weeks.

ST quota should be doubled to make way for inclusion of Kurubas: CM

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Chief Minister Siddaramaiah during the Maharshi Valmiki Jayanti celebrations in Bengaluru on Tuesday. ALLEN EGENUSE J.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said on Tuesday that the reservation percentage for Scheduled Tribes should be at least doubled from the present 7% to include the Kuruba community in the ST list in Karnataka.

He said it was the BJP government led by Basavaraj Bommai that recommended inclusion of the Kurubas in the ST list and not the Congress government led by him.

Speaking at the Valmiki Jayanti celebrations here, Mr. Siddaramaiah, who belongs to the Kuruba community, said the reservation for STs was higher in Odisha, Mizoram, and Nagaland in accordance with their population.

The NDA government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has not included Kurubas in the ST list. "Even now there is no confidence that they will do it. But if they do it, let it be as per the population. It should be increased to 14% or 20%," Mr. Siddaramaiah said.

"We will not put our hands on your plate (STs). I was not the person who fought for providing ST tag to Kurubas. It was former Minister K.S. Eshwarappa who recommended it during the Bommai government," the Chief Minister clarified.

He made his response after Congress leader and former MP V.S. Ugrappa, who belonged to the Valmiki community, requested that Kurubas should only be added to the ST list if there was a corresponding increase in the quota for STs as per their population size.

Mr. Siddaramaiah said representation for STs in the State Cabinet would be given during the next reshuffle.

Mr. Ugrappa said as per Article 341 of the Constitution, an anthropological study is to be conducted to include any community in the SC (ST) list. Currently, STs have a 7% quota, and if Kurubas are to be included, then the quota should be doubled (14%). "We are fine to sit together and eat, but you should not put your hands on our (Valmiki/ Nayaka community) plates. Bring your own plates. We are fine to eat together," Mr. Ugrappa said.

Mr. Ugrappa noted that Kurubas and Nayakas had fought together for reservation during the 1980s during the Ramakrishna Hegde-led Janata government. Hegde recommended both Kurubas and Nayakas for the ST list, but it was rejected.

In 1991, when Chandra Shekhar was the Prime Minister, Nayakas were added to the ST list, and former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda played a crucial role, Mr. Ugrappa said.

On the occasion, the Chief Minister presented Maharshi Valmiki awards for 2025. The winners are: Nagaraju Ganada Hunase (Bengaluru, media); P. Thippeswamy (Bengaluru, theatre); J.K. Muthamma (Mysuru division, organisation); Mulasidda Lakshmana Nayakodi (Belagavi division, social service), and K. Uchchangappa (Kalaburagi, social work).

SC forum to lay siege to Minister's residence

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Accusing Social Welfare Minister H.C. Mahadevappa of failing to implement the internal reservation matrix and related issues appropriately, the Forum for Social Justice in Internal Reservation for Scheduled Castes has threatened to lay siege to Dr. Mahadevappa's residence seeking his resignation on October 10.

A release from the forum, which brings together many Dalit factions, on Tuesday said: "Ideally, there would be no confusion in implementation of internal reservation if the recommendations of the H.N. Nagamohan Das Commission had been implemented as it is. However, after the government tinkered with the recommendations, confusion persists."

Forum's convener Basavaraj Kowthal said that though the matrix was announced more than a month ago, there was still no clarity on where 4.7 lakh population of Adi Karnataka, Adi Andhra, and Adi Dravida belong to.

PRADA delegation meets Kolhapuri chappal artisans

Rishikesh Bahadur Desai
BELAGAVI

A file photo of a customer checking out a Kolhapuri chappal in Belagavi.

A delegation from PRADA, the European fashion house that faced allegations of copying the design of the Kolhapuri chappal, visited Athani in Belagavi district recently and interacted with artisans.

The team led by Gautam Mehra, PRADA's Indian representative, visited the houses of some artisans and spoke to them. It also visited the Kolhapuri chappal cluster in Athani and documented the working styles of the artisans and took pictures of their portfolio. "They told us that they are willing to work with the government and cooperate with the artisans. They offered to train batches of five to 10 artisans in their design centres in India," Shivaraj Soudagar, cluster coordinator, told *The Hindu*.

"We asked the officers to give us some orders so that we could access a bigger market and get better prices for our product. They agreed to consider our demand," Mr. Soudagar said.

Another round of meeting between artisans, LIDKAR officers, and PRADA designers has been scheduled in Bengaluru this week.

ZP CEO Rahul Shinde said that the district administration had planned a series of actions for the Athani artisans.

"We want to organise a series of workshops for artisans, in association with agencies like EXIM bank and National Institute of Design. They will not only be aimed at training them in understanding market trends, but also in new designs and use of diverse materials. We will also train them in using e-commerce portals for boosting their sales, standard methods and processes of packing and logistics management. Another set of resource persons will provide soft skills training, and consumer relations. We will also tie up with legal experts to help our artisans better understand the implications of the Geographical Indication and other laws," Mr Shinde said.

MP for Chikkodi Priyanka Jarkiholi said that she would urge the State government and LIDKAR to work with PRADA and find a solution in which the artisans get assured orders and remunerative wages. She said she would speak to LIDKAR officers and artisans in Karnataka and Maharashtra to find a common solution.

Trenches leading cause of elephant injuries in State: Study

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Commonly used barriers such as trenches, solar, and electric fences are causing unintended harm to elephants. FILE PHOTO

The Centre for Wildlife Studies (CWS), in a new study conducted in conflict-prone landscapes across Karnataka and Kerala, has revealed that commonly used barriers such as trenches, solar, and electric fences are causing unintended harm to elephants.

The study titled, 'Community mitigation decisions in elephant conflict zones of southern India depend on environmental and socio-economic drivers', published in *Scientific Reports* said that trenches were the leading cause of elephant injuries in Karnataka (12.8% of recorded cases).

Elephant deaths

Solar fences in Karnataka (25.5%) and electric fences in Kerala (38.3%) accounted for most of the 47 recorded elephant deaths.

"Though these barriers can deter elephants from farms, poor maintenance or design can lead to fatal accidents," CWS said.

The study, authored by Simran Prasad, Doctoral Fellow at the CWS and with Manipal Academy of Higher Education, examined how environmental factors such as rainfall, elevation, land size, etc. influence rural household decisions to adopt mitigation measures for preventing human-elephant conflict.

The author and co-authors surveyed 507 rural households across Karnataka and Kerala to understand what drives community decision making on human elephant conflict mitigation.

CWS said that rainfall was the single-most important predictor (28%), followed by elevation (16.8%), acres owned (15.7%), and crop type (rubber, coconut, arecanut).

It added that land cover type, number of conflict events, and respondent age played smaller roles.

"In this study, scientists used a Classification and Regression Tree (CART) model to investigate what drives households to adopt conflict mitigation measures – and how those measures impact elephants themselves. Two decision pathways emerged," CWS said.

The study found that households in drier areas with moderate landholdings had a 68% probability of deploying measures like solar fencing, trenches, or alarm systems.

"In contrast, those in wetter areas with large plots near waterbodies had only a 7% probability, suggesting that environmental factors and landholdings shape mitigation behavior," it said.

Cultural reverence

CWS said that many respondents (65.8%) expressed sadness or empathy upon seeing injured or dead elephants, citing cultural and religious reverence for the species, including associations with the Hindu god, Ganesha.

"Even in areas experiencing repeated crop damage, a significant portion of the community voiced moral or spiritual reluctance toward harming elephants," CWS said.

Ms. Prasad said that the team of researchers found that environmental drivers shape elephant movement, and in turn, can influence community decisions on conflict mitigation.

"We also uncovered a deep respect and empathy for elephants within these communities. This reminds us that solutions must go beyond reacting to conflict. Instead, it is imperative to proactively prevent conflict and balance the needs of people with the long-term survival of elephants in dynamic landscapes," Ms. Prasad said.

UT OF LAKSHADWEEP
LAKSHADWEEP DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED
(A GOVT. OF INDIA UNDERTAKING)
56/2366(Old No.27/1038B), Panampilly Nagar, Cochin-682 036, India
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E-TENDER NOTICE

E-tenders are invited from IG and Non-IG Insurance Companies approved by DG Shipping of India in two bid system through **https://tenderwizard.com/UTL** or **https://tendersutl.gov.in** for Protection and Indemnity Insurance cover of 21 Vessels operated by LDCL for a period of one year from Noon GMT **19.11.2025** to Noon GMT **19.11.2026.** Last date of the submission through online portal is **27.10.2025 at 11.30 AM.**

For any help in e-tendering, please contact For any Technical Help, please contact Help Desk Number: **0120-4001 002,** email: **support-eproc@nic.in, 9605557738/9686115318.**

For regarding any queries in tender documents, you may contact: **04842323458,** Mobile**: 9447407653** (Officer Administration).

Sd/-
MD (LDCL)

TELANGANA TRADE PROMOTION CORPORATION LTD.
(Formerly TSTPC Ltd.)
(An Undertaking of Government of Telangana)

Regd. Off: 5-10-174, Shakkar Bhavan, 2nd Floor, Fateh Maidan Road, Hyderabad - 500 004. Telangana, India. Tel: +91 040-23237591, Email: info@tgtpc.org, https://tgtpc.telangana.gov.in
CIN: U74991TG2014SGC095847

TIN: TGTPC/Logistics/RFQ cum RFP/2025 **Date: 06-10-2025**

TENDER NOTICE INVITING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
(Through the e-procurement portal of Government of Telangana)

TGTPC invites Request for Proposals/Bids through e-procurement portal of the Government of Telangana from reputed Consultancy organizations for Selection of Consultant for Preparation of Integrated Logistics Master Plan for the State of Telangana Request for Qualification cum Request for Proposal (RFQ cum RFP). **(1)** Tendering & Processing fee: INR 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) by way of DD/Banker's Cheque/online in favor of The Commissioner of Industries, Commerce & Export Promotion, Telangana payable at Hyderabad. **(2)** RFP can be viewed and downloaded from Website: **https://tender.telangana.gov.in** Tender ID: 634806 on 07.10.2025 from 11.00 AM onwards. **(3)** Last date & time for submission of proposals online: 24.10.2025 by 5 PM **(4)** TGTPC reserves the right to cancel this notification without assigning any reason whatsoever. **(5)** For further information contact (Joint Director (IIPC) of Industries (M-9640092967), or Deputy Director, C&EP (M-9347584557) of Industries Department, GoTG.

DIPR R.O.No.8864-PP/CL/ADVT/1/2025-26 Dt. 06.10.2025 **Sd/- JOINT MANAGING DIRECTOR**

INBRIEF

Senior CPI (Maoist) leader surrenders in Telangana

A senior Communist Party of India (Maoist) leader, Manda Ruben alias Kannanna alias Manganna, 67, surrendered before Warangal Police Commissioner Sunpreet Singh in Telangana on Tuesday due to deteriorating health and several other reasons. Ruben, who carries an ₹8 lakh reward on his head, was the senior Division Committee Secretary of South Bastar, as well as a member of the Dandakaranya Special Zonal Committee (DKSZC).

Kerala reports fresh cases of rare brain infection

Two cases of amoebic meningoencephalitis were confirmed in Thiruvananthapuram in the last two days, with one case being reported in Attingal on Monday and another from Edava in Varkala on Tuesday. The case confirmed on Tuesday is that of a 35-year-old woman who was reportedly in the habit of nasal irrigation as part of religious practices which poses a risk, says sources.The district has reported 22 cases of the infection this year.

Forest watcher found dead in Periyar Tiger Reserve

A 32-year-old forest watcher in the Periyar Tiger Reserve was found dead in the Ponnambalamedu forest area in Pathanamthitta district of Kerala on Tuesday. Preliminary investigations revealed that the watcher, Anil Kumar, had died in a tiger attack. Kumar, a tribal community member and resident of Gavi, left his house on Sunday morning. When he did not return for three days, a search operation was launched, leading to the discovery of his body.

Sabarimala gold-plating row: TDB suspends senior official

The board flags 'serious lapse' by former Sabarimala administrative officer for incorrectly recording the gold-plated Dwarapalaka sculptures of the Ayyappa temple as copper plates

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB) has decided to suspend senior official B. Murari Babu from service pending investigation for allegedly submitting a report to the Sabarimala Executive Officer on June 17, 2019, while he was the Sabarimala administrative officer, by incorrectly recording the gold-plated Dwarapalaka sculptures on both sides of the Ayyappa temple as copper plates.

The board, which convened a meeting on Tuesday, observed that this was "a serious lapse" on the official's part. Mr. Babu is currently the Deputy Devaswom Commissioner, Haripad.

The official said he marked the sculptures copper as the base metal was copper with gold-plating done. FILE PHOTO

Speaking to mediapersons, Mr. Babu, however, said he had recorded the sculptures as copper because the base metal was copper, over which the gold-plating was done. "If I had recorded it as gold, it would mean the entire material was gold," he said.

The Nair Service Society, an influential group in the State, told the media that the investigation was being held under close scrutiny by the court and the State, leaving no room for the organisation to comment prematurely. "All responsible for the disappearance of the gold plates must be caught and punished without mercy," NSS general secretary G. Sukumaran Nair said.

March turns violent

Meanwhile, a march taken out by Youth Congress activists to a TDB office in Pathanamthitta over the issue on Tuesday turned violent when the protesters clashed with the police.

The protesters breached the barricade and damaged the windowpanes of the building which led to the police using force.

Minister's 'buffalo' remark sparks row

R. Ravikanth Reddy
HYDERABAD

A political storm has erupted in Telangana after Backward Classes Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar – while speaking to a Cabinet colleague about punctuality – allegedly referred to Scheduled Caste Welfare Minister Adluri Laxman Kumar, as a 'buffalo', during a byelection campaign event here on Sunday.

The comment was made before a press conference, which reportedly got delayed due to Mr. Kumar. In a video, Mr. Prabhakar is seen whispering to another Minister about the "value for time", saying: "He [Kumar] is a buffalo, what does he know about it?"

Seeking an apology, Mr. Kumar said: "He can abuse me, but abusing my caste is not correct." Mr. Kumar hails from the Madiga community, a Scheduled Caste.

However, Mr. Prabhakar said the video was manipulated. "I didn't make any caste slur. My comments were about punctuality."

3 migrant workers struck by lightning

The Hindu Bureau
SRIKAKULAM

Three migrant labourers working in a granite quarry reportedly died after being struck by lightning at Srikakulam district of Andhra Pradesh on Tuesday evening.

The incident occurred near Deenabhandupuram of Meliyaputti mandal, the police said.

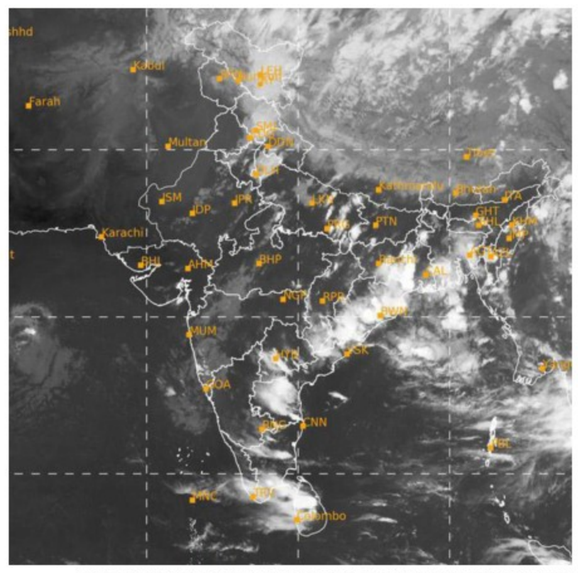
The deceased have been identified as Hemaraj, 25, from Rajasthan, Pintu, 26, from Madhya Pradesh and Sravan Kumar, 40, from Bihar. All of them were admitted to Tekkali area hospital after they were reportedly struck by lightning and died while undergoing treatment.

Allegations of blast

However, local residents claimed that the quarry management was using lightning as an excuse whenever there was a blast in the granite quarry located in the region.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.15 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Mizoram, Tripura, Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Lakshadweep. Thunderstorm with lightning & gusty winds likely at isolated places over Bihar, Sikkim, West Bengal, Odisha, Telangana and Puducherry

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	10	34.0	24.6	Kozhikode	—	33.2	24.9
Ahmedabad	2	32.6	24.6	Kurnool	—	33.6	24.2
Aizawl	—	31.3	21.1	Lucknow	2	31.8	23.4
Allahabad	—	34.6	23.6	Madurai	—	35.5	24.7
Bengaluru	—	29.2	19.8	Mangaluru	—	30.0	23.1
Bhopal	—	31.0	20.0	Mumbai	0.1	31.3	23.9
Bhubaneswar	—	33.0	25.0	Mysuru	—	32.4	23.8
Chandigarh	41	22.0	18.3	New Delhi	13	29.8	21.0
Chennai	—	34.1	25.4	Patna	—	31.9	24.7
Coimbatore	—	33.6	23.0	Port Blair	2	30.5	24.6
Dehradun	12	26.5	17.6	Puducherry	—	33.7	24.5
Gangtok	—	22.1	14.8	Pune	0.2	33.2	21.7
Goa	0.6	31.0	24.3	Raipur	—	31.1	23.5
Guwahati	—	32.4	24.1	Ranchi	—	30.0	22.2
Hubballi	—	30.0	20.0	Shillong	0.6	24.0	16.6
Hyderabad	0.5	31.1	24.0	Shimla	30	16.2	11.5
Imphal	—	31.2	17.6	Srinagar	25	16.1	7.1
Jaipur	44	30.0	19.8	Thiruvananthapuram	—	34.3	25.2
Kochi	—	29.4	25.0	Tiruchi	—	33.9	24.4
Kohima	3	20.7	17.3	Vijayawada	1	35.2	24.8
Kolkata	—	33.0	25.6	Visakhapatnam	0.8	32.9	25.4

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.10	..20	.32	45	61	
Bengaluru	.11	..11	.62	...101	...127	
Chennai	...2	..13	.22	61	...103	
Delhi	..—	..21	152	30	46	
Hyderabad	...6	..15	.47	...147	97	
Kolkata	.13	..18	.57	93	75	
Lucknow	...9	..48	.48	76	92	
Mumbai	...8	..30	.58	35	61	
Pune	..—	..46	.41	38	72	
Visakhapatnam	.12	..84	.36	91	...128	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Nalbari, Assam recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 305 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 10

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender Notification No. TLSF/PROC/2025-26/AMRCOE/02 Dt: 07.10.2025

To combat global threat of drug-resistant infections, Telangana Life Sciences intends to establish Anti-Microbial Resistance (AMR) Centre of Excellence (CoE) at Genome Valley Phase -II, Bio Pharma Hub (9 Hills), Plot No. 6/B, Kolthur Village, Muduchintalapally Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri (Dist.) – 500 078, Telangana. Accordingly, invites **Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) from reputed agencies/firms for procurement of Lab Equipment on "Supply, Installation Testing & Commissioning" turnkey basis.**

NIT can be downloaded from **https://tender.telangana.gov.in** from 10.10.2025 15.00 hours onwards.

Last date for submission: 06.11.2025 upto 15:00 hours (IST)

The Director (Life Sciences & Pharma)
Telangana Life Sciences Foundation
3rd Floor, HGCL Office Building, Nanakramguda, Hyderabad – 500 032
Contact: +91-99668 86231, Email: head-btic-tls@telangana.gov.in

DIPR R.O.No.685-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2025-26, Dt:07.10.2025

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
BUILDINGS AND ROADS DIVISION P.W.D., KARAIKAL

e-TENDER NOTICE No.24/PW/BRK/2025-26, dated 06-10-2025

On behalf of President of India, e-tenders are invited from the eligible contractors/ firms by the Executive Engineer, Buildings and Roads Division, P.W.D., Karaikal for the following works:-

Name of Work-24: Improvements to the internal streets of T.R.Pattinam Commune in Karaikal District.. Approximate Estimated Cost: **₹8,75,31,912/-** EMD: **₹17,50,638/-** & Time of completion: 12 months.

Last time and date for download / sale of tender documents: upto **3.30 P.M.** on **23-10-2025** and submission online upto **4.00 P.M** on the same day. Other details / information can be seen in the website: **https://pudutenders.gov.in**

Sd/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER-B&R
P.W.D., KARAIKAL

No,257/Dip/KKL/ADVT/2025

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. SEE/Tr(Op)/South-Circle/EE(O)/AEE-2/F-310(01)/25-26/3067-69 Date: 04.10.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP portal only)

KPTCL invites bid against enquiry no: **KPTCL/SEE/TR(Op)/S-Circle/EE(O)/AEE-2/25-26/EPR-15 Dt:23.09.2025** for "Providing new 11kV C&R Panel & Integration of C&R at 66/11kV National College sub-stations pertaining to Operation Division HSR Layout in the jurisdiction of Transmission (Operations) Circle-South, Bengaluru on **Total Turnkey Percentage Tender Basis"**

The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **'E Procurement KPTCL' or to https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 08.10.2025.**

Sd/-Superintending Engineer(Ele.), Tr(Operations) Circle-South, KPTCL, Office Complex, Ground Floor, A.R. Circle, Bengaluru-560 009.

BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Office of the Deputy General Manager-3, 1st Floor, BBMP Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru-560052.

No. DGM-3/BSWML/Tend/12/25-26 **Date: 06.10.2025**

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT) (Through GOK KPPP only)

The Deputy General Manager-3, Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited on behalf of the Managing Director, BSWML, Bengaluru invites tender from eligible tenderers for the Project management consultancy services for the works mentioned in the table below. The tenderers may submit tenders for services through KPP portal of the Government of Karnataka **(viz. https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).** Other details can be seen in the bidding documents.

Name of the Work	Estimate amount of works (Rs. In Lakhs)	Duration	EMD Amount in Rs.
Engaging of Swachhta Knowledge Partners for conducting training need assessment, development of training modules and dissemination of training	241.50	24 Months	3,62,250/-

Calendar of Events: (1) Last date to upload pre-bid queries: **13.10.2025 upto 17.30 Hrs. in KPP Portal. (2)** Pre bid meeting: **14.10.2025 at 15.00 Hrs** at the office of CE & CGM (Tech), BSWML, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanthnagar, Bangalore. **(3)** Last date for submission of the bids: **23.10.2025 upto 16.00 Hrs. (4)** Date of opening of Technical bid on : **24.10.2025 at 16.30 Hrs. (5)** Date of opening of Financial bids to be notified to technically qualified bidders.

Sd/-
Deputy General Manager-3, BSWML.

DIPR/CP/3126/SSC/2025-26

Government of Karnataka
KARNATAKA EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY
Sampige Road, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru – 560 012.
Website: https://cetonline.karnataka.gov.in/kea/
e-mail: keauthority-ka@nic.in

No. ED/KEA/ADMN/CR- 04 /2025 (RPC) **Date: 08-10-2025**
No. ED/KEA/ADMN/CR- 05 /2025 (Kalyana Karnataka) **Date: 08-10-2025**

NOTIFCATION

Karnataka Examinations Authority has invited applications online for direct recruitment of various posts in the Residual Parent Cadre and the Kalyana Karnataka cadre in the following Government Departments / Boards / Corporations. Eligible applicants should apply online and appear for the Competitive Examination conducted by Karnataka Examinations Authority to become eligible for the recruitment to the said posts.

Sl. No.	Department / Board / Institution	Number of different posts	
		RPC	Kalyana Karnatka
1.	Bangalore Development Authority	18	07
2.	Karnataka Soaps and Detergent Limited	07	14
3.	Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences	40	04
4.	Kalyana Karnataka Road Transport Corporation	63	253
5.	North Western Karnataka Road Transport Corporation	19	-
6.	Department of Agricultural Marketing	180	-
7.	Department of Technical Education	50	43
8.	Department of School Education (Pre-University)	10	-
	Total	**387**	**321**

- **Online application is available from 09-10-2025 to 01-11-2025.**
- Instructions for applying online, details of eligibility, age limit, educational qualification, mode of application, fees, competitive examination subjects, category-wise and post-wise vacancy details and detailed instructions about the recruitment process etc, applicants are hereby advised to visit the KEA Website **https://cetonline.karnataka.gov.in/kea/**
- **Competitive Examination;**
  a) It is an OMR based examination, and there are 05 circles will be provided in the OMR for each question, and the first 04 circle is related to shade the one correct answer. If the candidate does not know the answer to any question/questions, it is mandatory to shade the 05th circle. Otherwise, 1/4 marks will be deducted.
  b) There is a negative evaluation and one-fourth (¼) marks will be deducted for each wrong answer.
  c) The examination schedule will be published on the KEA Website.
  d) A single examination will be conducted for posts in different departments with the same syllabus and a merit list will be handed over to the concerned departments.

The Karnataka Examinations Authority is responsible ONLY for inviting applications, conducting Competitive Examinations and handing over the merit list of the candidates to the concerned recruitment authorities. It is the responsibility of the concerned recruitment authority to verify the documents as per the information given by the candidates while applying and issue the appointment order as per the rules.

Information regarding the recruitment process will not be sent to the candidates personally, candidates are advised to keep visiting the KEA Website **https://cetonline.karnataka.gov.in/kea/** frequently.

Sd/-
(H. Prasanna, IAS)
Executive Director.

DIPR/CP/3128/2025-26

FINANCE DEPARTMENT
Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore.

No. FD 25 JS(B&R) 2025 **Bengaluru, October 06, 2025**

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

It is notified for general information that the outstanding balance of **8.59% Karnataka SDL 2025** issued in terms of the Government of **Karnataka,** Finance Department Notification **No. FD 01 BMB 2018 Dated November 01, 2018** will be repaid at par on **November 06, 2025** with interest due up to and including **November 05, 2025.** In the event of a holiday being declared on the aforesaid date by any State Government under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, the loan will be repaid by the paying offices in that State on the previous working day. **No interest will accrue on the loan from and after November 06, 2025**

2. As per sub-regulation 24 (2) and 24 (3) of Government Securities Regulations, 2007 payment of maturity proceeds to the registered holder of Government Security held in the form of Subsidiary General Ledger or Constituent Subsidiary General Ledger account or Stock Certificate shall be made by a pay order incorporating the relevant particulars of his bank account or by credit to the account of the holder in any bank having facility of receipt of funds through electronic means. For the purpose of making payment in respect of the securities, the original subscriber or the subsequent holders of such a Government Securities, as the case may be, shall submit to the Bank or Treasury and Sub Treasury or branch of State Bank of India, where they are enfaced / registered for payment of interest, as the case may be, the relevant particulars of their bank account.

3. However, in the absence of relevant particulars of bank account / mandate for receipt of funds through electronic means, to facilitate repayment on the due date, holders of **8.59% Karnataka SDL 2025** should tender their securities at the Public Debt Office, 20 days in advance. The securities should be tendered for repayment, duly discharged on the reverse there of as under:

"Received the Principal due on the Certificate".

4. It should be particularly noted that at places where the treasury work is done by a branch of the State Bank of India, the securities, if they are in the form of Stock Certificates, should be tendered at the branch of the bank concerned and not at the Treasury or Sub-Treasury.

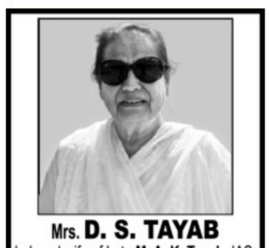
5. Holders who wish to receive payment at places other than those where the securities have been enfaced for payment should send them duly discharged to the Public Debt Office concerned by Registered and Insured Post. The Public Debt Office will make payment by issuing a draft payable at any Treasury / Sub- Treasury or branch of State Bank of India conducting Government Treasury work in the State of **Karnataka.**

Sd/- (Dr. P.C Jaffer)
Secretary to Government
(Budget & Resources), Finance Department

DIPR/CP/3127/Zen/2025-26

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH



Mrs. **D. S. TAYAB**
beloved wife of Late **M. A. K. Tayab**, IAS, passed away peacefully after a brief illness on 6th October 2025 in Bangalore.
Gathering at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 8th October 2025, Koramangala residence, followed by Namaz-e-Janaza after Zuhr at Hajee Sir Ismail Sait Masjid; Tadfeen thereafter at Tannery Road Khabaristan.
Deeply mourned and fondly remembered by :
The families of Farooq Tayab, Tabassum, her siblings, all near and dear ones.
#61, 3rd Cross, 16C Main, Koramangala, 4th Block, Bengaluru – 560034.
Farooq : +1 (972) 742-5229

UNDER RULE 66(4) OF COMPANIES ACT-2013

PUBLICATION OF ORDER PASSED BY THE HON'BLE NCLT, BENGALURU BENCH DATED 19TH AUGUST 2025.- IN PETITION NO-75/BB/2021- FILED FOR THE REDUCTION OF SHARE CAPITAL OF M/S KIRLOSKAR AAF LIMITED, HAVING REGISTERED OFFICE AT 143-C4(PART) BOMMASANDRA INDUSTRIAL AREA, BENGALURU-560099

CIN NO: U85110KA1992PLCO13320.

ORDER

"THE PAID-UP SHRE VALUE OF EACH EQUITY SHARE OF M/S KIRLOSKAR AAF LIMITED WILL BE REDUCED FROM Rs.10.00 (RUPEES TEN) ONLY PER SHARE TO Rs.1.00 (RUPEE ONE) ONLY PER SHARE AND THE TOTAL PAID UP SHARE CAPITAL OF THE COMPANY SHALL BE REDUCED Rs.9,00,00,000.00 (RUPEES NINE CRORES) ONLY DIVIDED IN TO 90,00,000 (NINETY LAKHS) EQUITY SHARES OF Rs.10.00 (RUPEES TEN) ONLY EACH TO Rs.90,00,000.00 (NINETY LAKHS) ONLY DIVIDED IN TO 90,00,000 (NINETY LAKHS) EQUITY SHARES OF Rs.1.00 (RUPEE ONE ONLY) EACH PAID UP".

ISSUED UNDER THE SEAL OF THE NCLT BENGALURU BENCH DATED 4TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

DEPUTY REGISTRAR
(SIGNED)

Release Wangchuk

Detention of peaceful activists does not serve national interest

The basis of good governance and democracy is that it provides enough leeway and wherewithal to address issues related to national security. The smart way to address a problem that started as a legitimate demand for greater autonomy in governance is not by misusing laws that allow for preventive detention against peaceful dissenters but by finding a route to defuse it. That does not mean that those who indulged in violence and arson in Ladakh during the protests for Statehood and Sixth Schedule status should be spared the long arm of the law. Yet, the Centre's detention of climate activist and social reformer Sonam Wangchuk under the National Security Act (NSA), in response to the protests, is wrong. Mr. Wangchuk has been a consistent and peaceful advocate for the legitimate democratic aspirations of Ladakh, which have found resonance across Leh and Kargil districts, as well as religious, ethnic and political identities. His recourse to non-violent dissent, with sustained agitations for a legislature to address Ladakh's environmental and livelihood concerns, is in keeping with the historical ethos of Indian politics established during and after the freedom movement. Invoking a law that is intended to counter a threat to the security of the Indian state against a peaceful dissenter reveals a problematic intolerance for democratic expression.

In recent judgments, the Supreme Court of India has repeatedly clarified that a clear distinction must be made between a "law and order" issue and a threat to "public order". The NSA, which is meant to address "public order", pertains to acts that disturb "the even tempo of the life of the community". There is no evidence to suggest that Mr. Wangchuk's activism reaches this benchmark. The Centre appears to have failed to apply its mind and reach a "requisite subjective satisfaction", as demanded by the Court, to show that his actions posed any real threat to "public order". The Centre's response has clearly sought to conflate dissent with acts akin to sedition. Mr. Wangchuk's case is not an isolated one, as in the past, similar Acts were used to stifle dissent and bypass due process, as was the case with the detention of Kashmiri politicians following the abrogation of the special status of erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir. Ladakh's aspiration for self-governance is genuine and requires the Centre's nuanced and empathetic response, more so as it is a sensitive border region. The Centre must revoke Mr. Wangchuk's detention immediately and re-engage in a meaningful dialogue with the people of Ladakh. Not doing so will only precipitate another crisis.

Radical tunnel

The Physics Nobel exemplifies value of inquiry not driven by immediate utility

John Clarke, Michel Devoret and John Martinis's experiments in the 1980s proved that the strange laws of quantum mechanics could govern not just subatomic particles but entire circuits visible to the eye. Their discovery of macroscopic quantum tunnelling and energy quantisation in an electric circuit won them the 2025 Physics Nobel Prize. This marks a significant interval since quantum mechanics last directly featured in a Physics Nobel, noticeable given the field's enduring vitality, and at a time when the world anticipates profound revolutions in computing and communications. Their experiments at the University of California, demonstrated quantum behaviour in a circuit comprising two superconductors separated by an ultrathin insulating barrier, also known as a Josephson junction. In classical physics, a current flowing through this system would be trapped in a zero-voltage state unless it had enough energy to cross the barrier. But at temperatures near absolute zero, they found that the current could escape by 'tunnelling' through the barrier, a uniquely quantum phenomenon. The system also behaved as if it were a single large particle, with discrete energy levels instead of a continuous range. To ensure these effects were not artefacts of noise in the circuits, the team took elaborate pains to isolate them from stray microwave radiation. Their results confirmed that a superconducting phase difference, a collective property of the trillions of pairs of electrons that sustained superconductivity, behaved as a single quantum variable.

Josephson junctions are the foundation of superconducting qubits, which animate many of today's leading quantum computers; superconducting circuits also underpin ultrasensitive magnetometers, quantum voltage standards and single-photon detectors used in astronomy and biomedical imaging. By confirming that quantum laws apply to objects "big enough to hold in your hand", the laureates opened a new domain of applied quantum engineering. Today, the challenge is not to prove that macroscopic quantum behaviour exists but to preserve it long enough to be useful. Quantum states are exquisitely sensitive to their surroundings; research thus focuses on materials with lower loss, better filtering and cryogenic control and hybrid architectures that combine superconducting circuits with mechanical, photonic or spin-based systems. The 2025 prize also exemplifies the value of inquiry driven solely by curiosity about nature's limits. When the laureates set out to test whether quantum mechanics could govern a macroscopic electrical circuit, no one foresaw its consequences. Their pursuit of a fundamental question produced the principles underpinning the pursuit of engineers today, including in India, of new technologies – and prestige for their host countries.

Israel's tactical gains in a strategic labyrinth

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Before October 7, 2023, West Asia looked like a different region, at least from a geopolitical perspective. The Palestine question had been pushed to the margins of the region. Palestinians themselves were divided with the Islamist Hamas controlling Gaza and the Fatah running the Palestine Authority in the West Bank. Iran, despite its economic woes, remained a powerful actor through its so-called axis of resistance. The Arab countries, mostly the wealthy Persian Gulf monarchies, saw Iran as a security threat, and chose to deepen security cooperation with Israel.

The United States, seeking to slowly disentangle itself from West Asia, was trying to knit together two of its key regional pillars – the Arab world and Israel – into a joint front against Iran. The foundation of this vision was laid in the Abraham Accords of 2020, brokered by the first Trump administration, through which four Arab countries signed a normalisation agreement with Israel. By 2023, Saudi Arabia was in an advanced stage of normalising ties with Israel.

Washington's broader plan was to integrate Israel deeper into the regional economy as well as the global order with two major initiatives, both involving India – the I2U2 grouping (India, Israel, the U.S. and the United Arab Emirates), and the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEC). It was a grand vision to reshape the region under the American leadership with Israel at the heart of what was being hailed as "the new Middle East". Then came the October 7, 2023 attack by Hamas on Israel, in which about 1,200 people were killed. The attack shattered the sense of security that Israel had seemed to enjoy despite its continued atrocities against Palestinians. Hamas's murderous assault was widely condemned, but the violence also served as a reminder that unless the Palestine question was addressed, peace and stability would remain elusive in West Asia. Israel also realised that the attack sabotaged its efforts to reshape the region in its favour diplomatically. The Israeli response was swift and overwhelming – an all-out war, first focused on Gaza and then spilling into the wider region.

Objectives of the war

Israel declared two primary objectives – the destruction of Hamas and the release of the 251 hostages taken on October 7. But the way it fought the war suggests that it has deeper ambitions. For Israel, Hamas was only the tip of the iceberg. Its real conventional enemy was Iran, which backed Hamas, Hezbollah, Islamic Jihad and other militant groups. After October 7, Israel saw an opening to wage a two-front war – the first was to crush Palestinian resistance once and for all, and the second was to dismantle Iran's axis and weaken its regional influence. Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu wanted the following: to build a unipolar West Asia, with Israel, backed by the U.S., being the central security player; Iran rolled back; Arab countries subdued, and the resurgent Palestine question pushed to the margins.

> The grand diplomatic vision of reshaping West Asia, with Israel at its centre, could be in ruins

To be sure, Israel has made some advances in this direction. Hamas's militant and administrative infrastructure have been severely damaged, and Israeli forces control much of Gaza. Even if they withdraw under U.S. President Donald Trump's 20-point 'peace' plan to the initial withdrawal lines, Israeli troops will still retain parts of Rafah in the south, much of Khan Yunus and a buffer zone in the north. Hezbollah, the feared Shia militant group in Lebanon, has been humbled by Israel's repeated strikes.

In Syria, the collapse of the Bashar al-Assad regime, and the rise of Abu Mohammed al-Golani (Ahmed al Sharaa), a former al-Qaeda jihadist, marked a tactical victory for Israel. Mr. Assad had been a critical link between Iran and Hezbollah and his fall not only weakened Hezbollah further but also allowed Israel to grab more Syrian territory. Emboldened by these developments, Israel carried out air strikes on Iran in June to destroy its nuclear programme and degrade its military capabilities.

Israel's strategic missteps

While Israel's tactical gains project the image of a country determined to reshape West Asia through force, none of these advances has translated into long-term security. If the destruction of Hamas was one of the principal objectives of the war, two years on, Hamas has not been defeated, let alone destroyed. Israel may have decapitated the Hamas leadership and killed thousands of its fighters, but Hamas is not al-Qaeda or the Islamic State – transnational jihadist organisations detached from local populations and which have flourished through nihilistic violence.

Hamas is deeply rooted in Palestinian nationalism. Faced with military setbacks, Hamas has reinvented itself as an insurgency, its original avatar. This makes it extremely difficult for Israel to crush Hamas – ask the Americans about their 20 years in Afghanistan. If Israel sought to push the Palestine question back to the margins, its genocidal war in Gaza has had the opposite effect. Today, even Israel's closest partners have started formally recognising Palestinian statehood, while global public opinion is steadily turning against the Zionist state.

Regionally, Israel's strikes have incapacitated Iran's non-state allies and weakened its influence, but Hezbollah remains a formidable political and social force in Lebanon. And Iran did not merely survive Israel's 12 days of bombing (June 13-25, 2025). It hit back with long-range missiles. If Israel's desperation to weaken Iran took it to the 12-day war, its desperation to defeat Hamas took it to bomb Qatar in September, which turned out to be a grave mistake. Israel targeted a gathering of Hamas's political leadership in Doha, but failed to kill any of the group's top leaders. Since October 7, Israel has bombed at least five countries besides Palestinian territories. It has targeted Syria, Lebanon, Yemen, Iran and Qatar. Qatar is a close American ally and its targeting shook the foundations of the U.S. security guarantees in the Arab world.

Israel's expansionism has pushed Arab countries to reassess their political and security calculus. If in September 2023, Saudi Arabia wanted to join the Abraham Accords and normalise ties with Israel, today an agreement with Tel Aviv is seen as a liability in the kingdom rather than as a strategic asset. Without a Saudi normalisation deal, the IMEEC is unlikely to take off. The I2U2 remains paralysed with the UAE making it clear that any Israeli attempt to annex the West Bank – a key demand of Israel's powerful far right – would cross a red line.

The Gulf monarchies have moved ahead diversifying or doubling down on their security partnerships – Saudi Arabia has signed a mutual defence agreement with nuclear-armed Pakistan, and Qatar has got a North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)-style security assurance from Mr. Trump. His executive order states that future attacks against Qatar would be seen as a "threat to the peace and security of the U.S."

No end plan

Despite its tactical military gains, Israel finds itself trapped in a strategic labyrinth. Like Mr. Trump put it, "Bibi [Netanyahu] took it very far in Gaza." Israel still does not have an end plan. It cannot ignore the Palestine issue any more and continue the occupation without consequences. Isolated internationally, it is clinging to U.S. support for political, economic and military cover. Hamas remains an unresolved problem even after Israel's killing of at least 67,000 Palestinians in Gaza. The Iranian regime still stands with its nuclear programme. And the grand diplomatic vision of reshaping West Asia, with Israel at its centre, lies in ruins, as Arab states increasingly view Israel as a threat rather than a security provider. The return of Palestine to West Asia's geopolitical core would mean that Israel would have to make concessions to go back to the pre-October 7 diplomatic order. But Israel's leaders hate making concessions on Palestine. Mr. Netanyahu's only solution to these strategic challenges was to continue the war endlessly. But even that path is being shut after Mr. Trump publicly demanded Israel "to stop bombing Gaza immediately".

Mr. Netanyahu wanted to reshape West Asia. The region is being remade, but not according to his design.

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A path to progress that is paved with gold

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Atmanirbharta has been central to India's story, not just as an economic plan but also as a philosophy of existence. For us, self-reliance has always meant drawing strength from within so that we may stand taller in the world. Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has embraced Atmanirbharta with renewed vigour, transforming ambitious ideas into tangible national achievements across sectors. His governance has propelled India's self-reliance journey, demonstrating unparalleled resilience and innovation even amid global uncertainties.

This instinct has defined India's journey: when droughts struck in the 1960s, the Green Revolution made India food secure; in the 1990s, foresight in the digital sphere turned talent into national strength; during the COVID-19 pandemic, India developed its own indigenous vaccines rapidly, showcasing scientific and manufacturing self-reliance; today, it is advancing towards self-reliance in defence systems. The lesson remains consistent: whenever India has chosen self-reliance, crisis has been turned into capability.

That principle now needs its strongest expression in financing India's growth. India has drawn over $1 trillion in gross FDI since 2000, yet global realities are shifting. Global investment flows have shrunk by more than 11% in calendar year 2024 while international project finance deals fell by 27%. Foreign portfolio investments, while substantial, remain volatile, swayed by global tremors. As the world retreats from globalisation and the costs of capital rise abroad, India cannot afford to hinge its future on external flows. The time has come to unlock Bharat's own wealth to fuel Bharat's own growth.

A stock of immense value

The most compelling starting point is gold. For generations, gold has been both a store of value and a symbol of security in Indian households. Over time, this trust has expanded to an extraordinary scale: families in India today collectively hold close to 25,000 tonnes of gold, making this the single largest private reserve in the world. At today's prices, this translates to about $2.4 trillion of wealth, or more than 55% of India's GDP in FY26 terms – a stock of value even larger than all the credit extended by India's banks.

> A revitalised, trust-based gold monetisation scheme can help India define its growth on its own terms

Paradoxically, despite such reserves, India remains one of the largest importers of gold, meeting roughly 87% of demand from abroad, with imports accounting for 8% of its total bill. Between 2010 and 2013, gold imports made up almost a third of India's trade deficit. This paradox highlights both an enormous challenge and an unprecedented opportunity.

Because India's relationship with gold is cultural and civilisational, coercive restrictions are not the answer. What is needed instead is a revitalised, trust-based gold monetisation scheme. Unlike past experiments that faltered due to weak infrastructure and limited outreach, a reimagined scheme must build on global best practices. A striking example comes from a few nations that successfully invested in assaying facilities, created innovative gold savings products, and digitised gold flows through mobile apps, managing to bring thousands of tonnes of "under-the-pillow" gold into their formal financial system. India can adapt these lessons.

The basics

The road ahead demands three essentials. First, infrastructure – hallmarking and purity testing centres need to scale faster for trusted valuation across the country. India requires a formal network of collection and purity testing centres. Only recently has it begun expanding the reach of standardised testing: the number of Bureau of Indian Standards-registered assaying and hallmarking centres has almost doubled in the last four years. Yet, a large share of the market still consists of unbranded gold with uncertain purity, which prevents the efficient recycling of gold into the economy. Second, logistics – banks can manage the money flows, while experienced collection and purity testing centres handle gold movement securely and transparently. Third, digitalisation – every household depositor should be able to track their "metal balance" as easily as a bank account balance. But, above all, trust is the foundation. To build it, we must remove frictions such as goods and services tax and customs scrutiny on deposits, and ensure a simple, "no questions asked" environment where returns flow back directly to depositors without hidden costs.

If structured this way, the economics are favourable. The cost of funds raised through gold monetisation could fall in the range of 4.5%-6.5%, lower than the effective cost of borrowing from international markets. Even if a fraction of India's household is mobilised, the impact would be transformative – easing import pressure, strengthening the current account and creating a vast pool of domestic capital to drive infrastructure, manufacturing and innovation.

Moment of financial self-reliance

History shows that India has always risen to moments of crisis, transforming them into capability. Just as it attained food security during the Green Revolution and global leadership in IT services during the digital age, its now stands before the call for financial self-reliance. Mobilising domestic wealth, particularly through gold, is not just an economic choice. It is a civilisational one.

This is about building the confidence that Bharat can fund Bharat, harnessing its own wealth, ingenuity, and resilience. The path forward demands trust, foresight and determination. But the prize is unmistakable – an India that defines its growth on its own terms, self-reliant in spirit and substance, and financing its aspirations from within to step boldly into the future.

The views expressed are personal

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Disgraceful behaviour

The incident, on October 6, 2025 at 11.35 a.m., in which an advocate attempted to throw his footwear towards the Chief Justice of India during proceedings is a disgrace to the very spirit of the judicial system. Despite the Chief Justice's magnanimity in letting the incident pass, law enforcement authorities should take stringent action against the advocate. If not, it will set a dangerous precedent, as he has violated professional ethics and lowered the dignity and sanctity of the Supreme Court of India. The rule of law cannot coexist with unruly, unfettered, and delinquent members of the legal fraternity in India.

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The Nobels as a celebration

As autumn drapes the world in amber and gold, it brings more than the whisper of falling leaves. It heralds the annual celebration of human curiosity, the Nobel Prizes, honouring those who transform how we think, explore, and heal. The awards remind us that discoveries, like autumn, pares back complexity to reveal essential truths. The discoveries illuminate the enduring power of curiosity and rigour to shape a more enlightened world.

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Exam and typewriter

I write this letter as the Secretary, Consumer Protection Council–Tamil Nadu, Tiruchirappalli.
It is most surprising that the Department of Technical Education, Tamil Nadu, still conducts its Typewriting – Tamil Junior and Senior Grade examinations with the use of the typewriter. As practically no office in India and the State today uses typewriters, this skill is redundant. It is time that the Department of Technical Education pursues reform and conducts its examinations using the computer and an English keyboard.

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It's time for Maoists to lay down arms

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Recently, Union Home Minister Amit Shah ruled out talks with the Maoists and said that they will have to lay down weapons by accepting the government's "lucrative surrender and rehabilitation policy". Reiterating that the government was firm about eradicating Maoism by next year, he asked the Maoists to surrender and join the mainstream.

It is time for the Maoists to seriously consider this offer. In the last two decades, the highest decision-making bodies of the proscribed Communist Party of India (Maoist) – the Central Committee and the Politburo – have shrunk drastically in both size and influence. In 2004, when the CPI (Marxist-Leninist) People's War Group and the Maoist Communist Centre merged to form the CPI (Maoist), there were about 42 Central Committee members, who were young intellectuals, and 10,000 cadre. Today, the Central Committee has just 13 members. Nearly all of them are over 60, fatigued, and suffer illnesses. The cadre base has reduced to below 2,000. The Politburo has shrunk from about 25 to merely 7-8 members.

It is clear that the armed rebellion has reached a dead end, and the movement, already in decline for some time, is now at its weakest. Even in their traditional stronghold in Chhattisgarh, once declared a 'Liberated Zone', the Maoist influence has waned.

The beginning of the decline

For a long time, the Maoists ruled the roost in the underdeveloped and tribal districts of combined Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, and Chhattisgarh. When Andhra Pradesh and Odisha augmented their police forces with specialised forces, the Maoists were slowly pushed into Chhattisgarh. In that forested State, they held sway for more than two decades. The 'Liberated Zone' also became a reality, as the Maoists ran a parallel government, which they called 'Janatana Sarkar'. Their control spread over Sukma, Dantewada, Bijapur, Narayanpur, Kanker, Rajnandgaon and Bastar.

However, the introduction of the Commando Battalion for Resolute Action, a specialised unit of the Central Reserve Police Force trained in jungle warfare and guerrilla tactics, began to change things. The deployment of the District Reserve Guard (DRG) – a counterinsurgency force comprising surrendered Maoists and former members of the disbanded Salwa Judum, which was raised by the Chhattisgarh government – also proved to be a game changer. The DRG played a crucial role in Operation Black Forest, a mission that destroyed a major Maoist stronghold and the Maoists' headquarters in the Karregutta hills. In the beginning of 2025, there were about 20 Central Committee members. Between January and June, the DRG killed five of them, including general secretary Nambala Keshava Rao alias Basavaraju.

Apart from this, in the last 18 months, security forces have also killed more than 430 Maoists, including Central Committee members, mid-level leaders, and cadres, including about 45 women operatives. Over 1,450 Maoists have surrendered and about 1,460 have been arrested. All these setbacks have substantially reduced the movement's military strength and reduced the Maoists' intellectual and political base.

A crisis of leadership

The biggest crisis confronting the Maoists is of leadership. The killing of Basavaraju brought the movement's tensions to the forefront. While nearly the entire military force comprises tribal people, especially Gonds, a dominant tribal group in Chhattisgarh, leaders of the movement have always been upper caste, primarily from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. It was only when tensions came to the surface that the top leadership chose Telagana-based Dalit leader, Tippiri Tirupathi alias Debuji, as the new general secretary. Now, 10 Central Committee members are from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, three from Jharkhand, and two from Chhattisgarh.

Chhattisgarh has always presented a unique case in the Maoist insurgency. Unlike West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, or Bihar – where the movement originated and thrived as a peasant-led struggle rooted in land issues and supported by intellectuals – Chhattisgarh was not the birthplace of the movement. Instead, it was chosen by Maoists as a strategic safe haven after they were pushed out of Andhra Pradesh and Bengal. Many of the tribal people in Chhattisgarh, who have surrendered, say that they joined the movement motivated by the songs and plays enacted by the cultural wing of the Maoists and not because of ideology.

Ironically, the state-sponsored Salwa Judum movement became a blessing in disguise for the Maoists. The atrocities committed by Judum members against tribal groups drove many tribal people into the Maoist fold. However, as both sides engaged in violence, the tribal people increasingly found themselves caught in the crossfire. This led to growing disillusionment and a gradual distancing of tribal communities from the Maoist movement.

The Maoists' preference for militarisation over political development has hit the movement hard. Over the past 25 years, there has been a sharp decline in their intellectual base, overground support, and recruitment of educated youth. Combined with the modernisation of security forces, improved intelligence-sharing, and coordinated operations, this has pushed the Maoists into a corner.

This decline shows that a sustained people's movement with the backing of the civil society in a democratic way would have yielded better results than an armed struggle, such as what happened in Niyamgiri in Odisha or Sompeta in Andhra Pradesh.

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Tracks without trains

How Bengaluru's Yellow Metro Line construction was disrupted by geopolitical tensions

STATE OF PLAY

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The inauguration of Namma Metro's Yellow Line in August 2025 was expected to be a moment of celebration for Bengaluru. Instead, an incomplete line operating at one-fifth of its planned capacity has delivered overcrowded trains, packed stations, and a suboptimal commuter experience.

By 2023, Bengaluru had a finished metro line, but no trains to run on them. The delay in procuring trains is linked with geopolitics. In 2019, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) invited bids for the train sets that would be used on Phase-2 of Bengaluru's metro system. Eventually, Chinese state-owned rail manufacturer, CRRC, secured a ₹1,578-crore contract for 36 train sets of six coaches each. The cost per coach for this contract (₹7.3 crore) was significantly cheaper than other competitors. The bidding process was done under the L1 system, by which the lowest cost bidder always wins as long as they meet certain basic, baseline criteria.

The contract mandated that 75% of the production take place in India. As a result, CRRC decided to build a new plant at Sri City in Andhra Pradesh. It agreed to supply the first set of 12 coaches from China within 87 weeks, then ramp up to deliver the remaining 204 coaches from India.

The 2020 Galwan incident heightened tensions between China and India. It also slowed many large Chinese-related infrastructure ventures: any direct investments from Chinese firms needed Cabinet permission and approval from the Home and External Affairs Ministries. This meant that the FDI and component inflow that had to happen for CRRC to set up its Sri City factory was now in limbo. CRRC technical staff were denied visas.

The land transfer for the Sri City factory also faced barriers. Customs seized imported parts for inspection for long stretches; those parts had to be released eventually by a special clearance from the Union Cabinet. By mid-2021, BMRCL tried to cancel the contract with CRRC altogether. CRRC responded that between the policy shifts and COVID-19, it was exposed to force majeure events. The legal proceedings involved both the Delhi and Karnataka High Courts and were slow.

Once the courts ordered the contract to stand, CRRC accepted a workaround. It formed a joint venture with the Indian rail firm, Titagarh Rail Systems Ltd (TRSL). CRRC shifted local manufacturing to TRSL's plant in West Bengal. But the transition took time as any items or visitors from China faced scrutiny. It was only at the start of 2024 that a prototype six-coach train arrived in Bengaluru from Shanghai. The second and third trains, assembled locally, arrived in early 2025. By August 2025, the line was opened at a limited capacity. It was decided that more trains would be added later, when they were manufactured by TRSL.

As a result of this delay, the total outlay rose by 32%, adding ₹1,866 crore to the project. Since the original difference between CRRC's bid and an Indian competitor was around ₹410 crore, the extended delay cost far more than what was saved by choosing the cheaper Chinese bid. Additionally, the total final cost that taxpayers had to pay for the Yellow Line evened out to about ₹7,610 crore, giving it a ₹400 per kilometre cost, which is higher than usual for elevated metro lines in India.

The policy lesson from this saga is that critical infrastructure procurement must align with long-term strategic posture. The essential calculation is whether the price advantage offered by a Chinese supplier is worth the risk of geopolitical uncertainty. Regardless, once a decision is taken to allow Chinese capital, there must not be any ex-post reversals. Also, instead of banning Chinese investment altogether, it would be more practical for India to adopt a graduated investment-review mechanism. Low-security-risk items could be sourced globally to leverage cost benefits, while the highest risk segments might require deeper scrutiny. Once a firm passes these requirements, it should be free to complete its project without policy reversals. Finally, instead of relying on a L1 approach, India should adopt the Quality-cum-Cost Based Selection method for infrastructure procurement. This combines a technical evaluation with a financial evaluation to award a contract to the highest composite scorer. It allows decision-makers to consider reliability and strategic concerns alongside raw cost, reducing the chance of sudden disruptions.

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Is the U.S. shooting itself in the foot by pushing out STEM talent?

China, the U.K., Germany and several other countries have begun vying for the STEM talent that may now look beyond the U.S.

DATA POINT

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The recently introduced $1,00,000 visa fee for new H-1B workers in the U.S. is particularly detrimental to Indians, as a previous Data Point story showed. But is the U.S. shooting itself in the foot by pushing out the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) talent that it has long relied on?

Jobs in the U.S. IT sector, which is officially defined as 'computer and mathematical occupations' by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, have grown by about 40% between 2016 and 2024. This makes the IT sector one of the leading ones in the labour market.

Chart 1 shows the sector-wise percentage change in jobs available in the U.S. between 2016 and 2024 (horizontal axis). The farther a circle is to the right, the higher the job growth. Apart from the IT sector, only two others have recorded faster growth in the U.S. – health care support roles, such as nursing, and jobs in the life sciences, physical sciences, and social sciences.

Chart 1 also plots the sector-wise share of foreign-born workers (vertical axis). The higher a circle, the greater the share of foreign workers in 2024. The IT and health care support sectors appear in the upper right section of the graph. That indicates that they are among the fastest-growing sectors, with a slightly above-average share of foreign-born workers – around 25% of the workforce in 2024. Notably, this share has remained unchanged since 2016, suggesting that the representation of foreign-born workers has stagnated despite strong overall job growth.

Should U.S. President Donald Trump be concerned about the large number of foreign-born workers in the fastest-growing sectors of the U.S. economy – sectors that owe much of their success to foreign talent? The H-1B visa is no longer mainly used by Indian IT firms to send workers to the U.S. Currently, American tech giants such as Apple, Microsoft, and Meta are also among the largest recruiters of H-1B talent. Whether the recent policy changes will disrupt this STEM talent flow and, in turn, slow job growth is the question.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, STEM occupations are projected to grow by more than 8% over the next decade **(Chart 2)**, compared to just 2.7% for non-STEM jobs. Does the U.S. have enough home-grown STEM talent to meet this surge in demand? Data show that it may not.

Interest in STEM courses among U.S. residents has grown at a much slower pace than among non-residents. Between 2011-12 and 2020-21, the number of non-residents earning STEM bachelor's degrees in the U.S. rose by 148%, compared to just 47% among U.S. residents. The gap is higher at the Master's level **(Chart 3A)**.

In 2020-21, only 55% of those who earned STEM Master's degrees in the U.S. were residents, while 45% were non-residents **(Chart 3B)**. The U.S. relies not only on foreign-born talent in its current IT workforce, but also on non-residents who make up a significant part of its future STEM workforce. It is these two groups that are being targeted by Mr. Trump's policies.

How other countries have reacted to the H-1B visa fee hike is also telling. China has touted its 'K visa' as an alternative to the H-1B. The U.K. is considering a reduction in visa fees for STEM workers, while Germany's Ambassador to India posted on X an invite welcoming Indian professionals. Reports show that South Korea and Japan too have similar plans. Will the U.S. be able to cope if global STEM talent start choosing other destinations?

Losing a good hand?

The data for the charts were sourced from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics's 'Foreign-born workers: Labor force characteristics' report, and the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Chart 1: Sector-wise % change in the jobs available in the U.S. between 2016 and 2024 (horizontal axis). Sector-wise share of foreign-born workers (vertical axis). The bigger the circle, the higher the number of workers in the sector in 2014

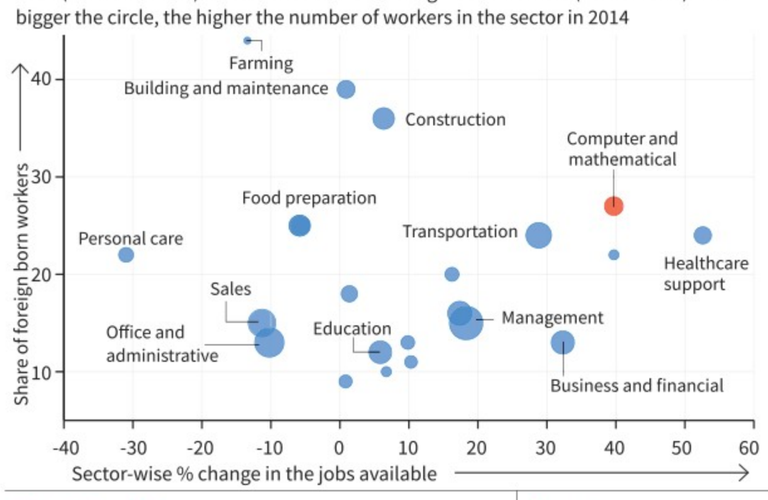


Chart 2: Projected change in employment for STEM and non-STEM occupations in the 2024-2034 period, in the U.S.

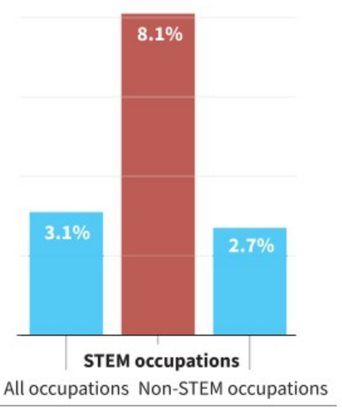


Chart 3A and 3B: STEM degrees conferred by U.S. institutions by level of degree

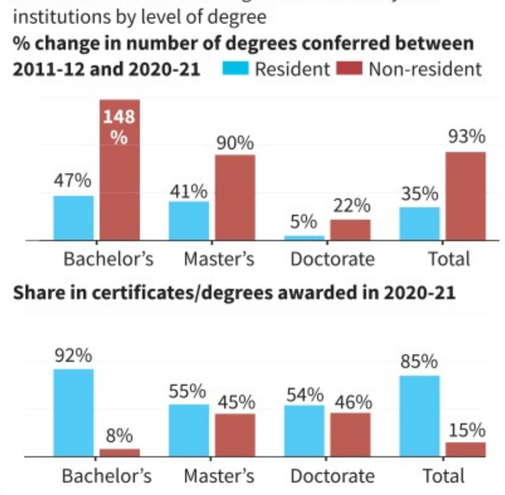
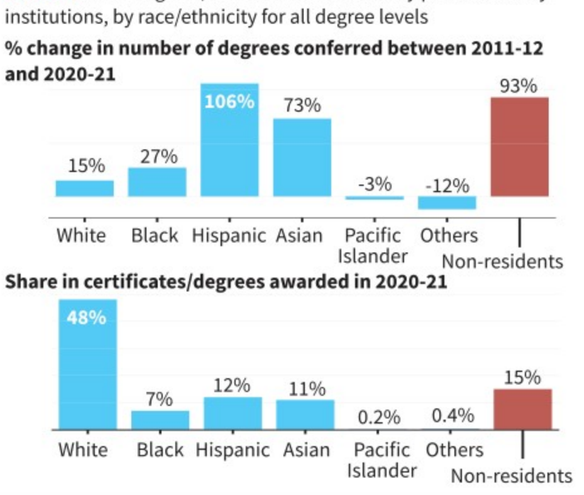


Chart 4: STEM degrees/certificates conferred by postsecondary institutions, by race/ethnicity for all degree levels



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Global view: future role of libraries

Madras, Oct. 7: Prof. W.L. Saunders, Director, Post-grad School of Librarianship and Information Science, Sheffield University, said here to-day that libraries would have to take a global and not parochial view of their role and responsibilities in future.

Inaugurating a seminar on "Librarianship and Information Science in 2001", organised by the British Council Library, Prof. Saunders said the need to optimise the use of all national resources would apply with special force to the resource of information. The library manager would need some of the qualities of the economist in adjusting his own local resources and services to the totality of resources available at national and international levels.

In any big city, it would be essential to think of the total library and information resources. "The move towards co-operation among the different types of library – public, academic and special – is a powerful one and I expect by 2,001 the boundaries will have become very blurred indeed," he said.

The trend towards a national library system would have emerged in most parts of the world by the end of the century and it would make for a library and information environment in which the individual librarians would be far less prone to "go it alone" and would automatically take account of the system as a whole and their own particular place and role in it.

Prof. Saunders said the possibilities opened up by micro-production, particularly in association with the computer, were quite breathtaking.

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Sovietisation of Canton?

Hong Kong, Oct. 7: Prominent British merchants, who have returned from Canton, interviewed by Reuter, stated that a further shipment of arms and ammunition to Bolshevists at Canton is expected shortly. They predicted that a combined Russian and Red-Chinese force from Canton would crush the advancing 'Anti-Red' forces and completely Sovietise Canton, failing very speedy foreign occupation of Canton on behalf of the Anti-Reds, which is the only alternative to complete the Bolshevist domination of South China.

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Be open about names added to final rolls, says Supreme Court

Justice Bagchi referred to Rule 21A of the Registration of Electors' Rules, 1960, which requires poll authorities to display the names and details of deleted voters on the notice boards of district electoral offices.

Senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi, for the EC, said the disaggregated data was still being collected from ground-level officers and processed. However, there has not been a single complaint against any exclusion of names in the final list, he said, noting that the final electoral roll has already been shared with political parties.

"Who is deleted and who is not requires only a basic comparison between the draft roll and the final list," Mr. Dwivedi argued.

Justice Kant, at one point in the hearing, threw the EC's line of argument at the petitioners' lawyers, advocates Prashant Bhushan and Neha Rathi.

"Mr. Bhushan, but where are the aggrieved people? The draft voter list is available on the EC website, the final voter list is also available. You could compare and identify the excluded names. Show us specific cases in the 3.66 lakh deleted voters whose names were deleted without any communication... This cannot be a roving enquiry... For whom are you doing this? They may be illegals who were deleted from the voter list, would they come out and complain?" Justice Kant asked them.

'Population estimate mismatch'

Mr. Bhushan said the SIR, instead of cleaning up the electoral process, has only compounded the problems due to the EC's opacity.

The court asked the EC to address the issues raised in Mr. Bhushan's written submissions on Thursday.

These submissions contended that though the official estimate of the adult population in Bihar for September 2025 was 8.22 crore, the number of electors in the final rolls was only 7.42 crore.

"Thus, 80 lakh, that is, approximately 10% of the total adult population of Bihar has been denied their right to vote. Such a sharp fall in the adult population to electors' ratio is a record for India and for Bihar," the written submissions said.

Missing women, Muslims

In no State of the country previously have as much as 10% of the electorate been excluded from the electoral roll, Mr. Bhushan said. He added that lakhs of women were 'missing' from Bihar's electoral rolls.

"After SIR, while Bihar's gender ratio is 934 in September 2025, the gender ratio in the final electoral rolls has fallen sharply to 892. This translates into 17 lakh missing women... SIR has wiped out a whole decade's gains in the gender ratio of electoral rolls," said the submissions presented in court.

The SIR exercise has also resulted in the disproportionate exclusion of Muslims, Mr. Bhushan claimed.

"Our analysis based on name recognition software, shows that Muslims were 25% among the 65 lakh voters excluded from the draft rolls and 34% among the 3.66 lakh deleted electors from the final rolls... This disproportionate exclusion accounts for the reduction of about six lakh Muslim voters," he submitted.

'Respond to analysis'

The court asked the EC to respond to Mr. Bhushan's analysis that at least 5.17 lakh names on the final rolls appear to be duplicates. "There are over 2.5 lakh cases of blank or junk households numbers, over 25,000 electors with gibberish names and nearly 60,000 entries with invalid gender or relation or gender relations mismatch," the written submissions alleged.

The court posted the case for further hearing on Thursday.

Starmer leads 100-member U.K. delegation on India visit

Ministers, CEOs and representatives from British universities and industry groups seek to bolster ties; bilateral trade in goods and services for the year ending March 31 was valued at £44.1 billion

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

U.K. Prime Minister Keir Starmer will arrive in India for a two-day visit starting Wednesday, with a delegation of over 100 people, including CEOs and representatives from British institutes, universities and industry groups. The visit comes months after India and the U.K. signed a trade deal during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's July visit to the European country. It also comes as both countries are navigating major geopolitical shifts, including their respective trading relationships with the U.S., under the administration of Donald Trump.

Timely visit: Keir Starmer's visit comes as both countries navigate major geopolitical shifts, such as trade ties with the U.S. FILE PHOTO

While the visit is focused on trade and business, it will also involve bilateral discussions on regional and global issues, the Indian government had said on Saturday. The U.K. delegation will include the Minister for Trade and Business, Peter Kyle, as well as Investment Minister Jason Stockwood.

Mr. Modi and Mr. Starmer will deliver keynote addresses at the Global Fintech Fest in Mumbai and engage with business leaders, according to a government press release. They will also take stock of the India-U.K. relationship, reframed during Mr. Modi's visit to the U.K. on July 23-24, as being guided by 'Vision 2035', a ten-year roadmap spanning a range of dimensions – from trade and climate to education, technology and people-to-people ties.

The two sides had signed a Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) when Mr. Modi was in the U.K. However, the deal has not yet been operationalised and is making its way through the British legislative system – a process that may take months. The deal is unlikely to be implemented anytime before early 2026, according to sources familiar with the process.

"Britain means business. We want to increase bilateral trade, business and investment between our two countries," Karan Billimoria, a member of the House of Lords and founder of Cobra Beer, told *The Hindu* on Tuesday.

Mr. Billimoria, who used to head the Confederation of British Industry (CBI), believes the visit is more than just symbolic and thinks India and the U.K. will double their bilateral trade in the next five years. The total bilateral trade in goods and services for the year ending March 31 was valued at £44.1 billion ($59.14 billion), according to the U.K.'s data.

While India is the U.K.'s 11th largest trade partner and the trade deal is expected to contribute an increase of just 0.13% to the U.K.'s GDP over the long-term (the equivalent of £4.8 billion annually), the agreement with India has been repeatedly cited by Mr. Starmer and his colleagues as an example of job-creation.

The delegation will comprise Indian and British entities, including the U.K. India Business Council and the CBI; banks such as Standard Chartered, Barclays, NatWest and HSBC; alcoholic beverage company Diageo; engineering firm Arup; telecom company BT; Sunil Mittal, who co-chairs the India-U.K. CEO Forum and Anil Agarwal, Chairman of Vedanta Resources Ltd.

Around 1,500 CRPF troops deployed in Ladakh, says official

The CRPF denies allegations that it had fired pellet guns to control the protest on September 24

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Around 1,500 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel are presently deployed in Ladakh to aid the civil administration in securing installations and maintaining law and order, a senior government official said on Tuesday.

Violence erupted in Leh on September 24 during protests to demand constitutional safeguards for the region, leaving four persons, including a Kargil War veteran, dead and around 150 injured, including 57 security personnel.

Out of the total of 1,500 personnel, around 400 were positioned a month before the violence. The total strength of the Ladakh Police is 2,452. "Around 900 personnel were deployed post September 24. Two companies or 200 personnel are in Kargil while the rest are in Leh. We had to send special winter clothing for the personnel later as half of them were airlifted to Leh on the evening of September 24," the official said.

The official denied allegations that the CRPF had fired pellet guns to control the protest on September 24. "Armed component of the CRPF was deployed at installations as requested by the civil administration. For crowd-control measures, we have an anti-riot drill equipment which includes wooden sticks, protective gear and tear-gas munitions. There were no pellet guns with us," the official said.

Another official said a CRPF jawan, who was hit by a big stone resulting in spinal injuries, has been shifted to a hospital in Chandigarh.

The Leh Apex Body, the civil society group engaged in dialogue with the Home Ministry for the past three years, had said last week that several protesters had pellet gun injuries and that the CRPF had fired at protesters without the Magistrate's permission.

There have been several rounds of protests and hunger strikes in Ladakh since 2020, a year after Article 370 of the Constitution was read down.

India edges closer to recognising Taliban as Muttaqi to arrive in Delhi for a five-day visit

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Two days before the visit of Amir Khan Muttaqi, Acting Foreign Minister of the Taliban regime ruling Afghanistan, the Indian government came one step closer to formally recognising the Taliban, as a regional grouping that India is a part of admitted Mr. Muttaqi as a "member" for the first time.

Mr. Muttaqi, who is on the UN Security Council's list of banned terrorists, was given special permission to travel to India, and officials said he would arrive in Delhi on Thursday for a five-day visit.

According to sources, Mr. Muttaqi will be accorded full protocol as a visiting Foreign Minister, including being hosted by the government. He will be received at the official venue, Hyderabad House, by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar for talks on October 10.

On Tuesday, India's Ambassador to Russia Vinay Kumar attended the 10-nation Moscow Format Consultations hosted by Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov. Others in attendance were Pakistan's special envoy on Afghanistan Mohammad Sadiq and other representatives from China, Iran and Central Asian countries.

Apart from Russia, no country has recognised the Taliban government thus far, and since the Taliban takeover of Kabul in August 2021, representatives of the 'Acting government' in Afghanistan have attended the meeting as observers only. However, a photograph released after the meeting on Tuesday showed Mr. Muttaqi amongst the delegates.

Amir Khan Muttaqi

"For the first time the Afghan delegation headed by Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi participated in the meeting as a member," said a joint statement issued by all the participants at the meeting, calling for more economic exchanges, provision of humanitarian assistance, and regional connectivity initiatives with Afghanistan, as well as steps to strengthen counter-terrorism cooperation.

Mr. Muttaqi is expected to travel next to India, arriving on October 9. It is unclear whether Mr. Muttaqi would also call on Mr. Modi later in the visit, the first such official visit by a senior Taliban Minister since 2021. During the five-day visit, Mr. Muttaqi, who received special permission to travel from the UN Sanctions committee on September 30, is expected to meet a number of officials and interact with business groups and Afghan nationals living in India.

Former diplomats said that inviting Mr. Muttaqi to India was a pragmatic move, given India's interests in Afghanistan, but warned against giving the Taliban regime full recognition until the United Nations decides to do so.

"India should await international consensus," said Vivek Katju, who has managed Afghanistan relations at the MEA in the past. However, he added that India should post a more senior Charge d'Affaires at its Embassy in Kabul, which currently runs as a "technical mission".

Former Ambassador to Afghanistan Gautam Mukhopadhyay said that the move to invite Mr. Muttaqi reflects a "convergence of security interests at the expense of certain values and internal security concerns that held the relationship in check".

However, Afghanistan's former Foreign Minister and National Security Adviser Rangin Dadfar Spanta said, "India's current policy towards Afghanistan is mainly determined by an anti-Pakistan approach. Both Pakistan and the government in Delhi are looking for proxies. This is not about good neighbourliness or peace in our region. Unfortunately, the opposite is true."

Congress flays lynching of Dalit man in Rae Bareli

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Condemning the killing of a Dalit man in Rae Bareli, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday issued a joint statement which said the Rae Bareli lynching was a crime against the Indian Constitution and Dalits, and a blot on the nation and the society.

Mr. Kharge and Mr. Gandhi, in a joint statement posted on X, said that mob lynching, "bulldozer injustice", and mobocracy had become a "horrifying hallmark of our times".

A 40-year-old Dalit man, identified as Hariom, was allegedly lynched by villagers who mistook him for a thief, amid rumours that a gang was using drones to mark houses for burglary.

Trio wins Physics Nobel for building device showing 'quantum tunnelling'

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

The Nobel Prize for Physics this year will be awarded to three scientists – John Clarke, Michel Devoret and John Martinis, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said on Tuesday.

The scientists worked together and devised experiments to tease greater insight into the workings of the quantum world: the realm of the ultra-small when objects, broken down to single, constituent particles, cease to behave in the way we ordinarily expect them to.

One of the mind-boggling behaviours that particles are capable of here is "tunnelling", literally, the ability of particles to pass through physical walls.

It is as if a cricket ball hitting the pitch will surely bounce up, but the odd cricket-ball particle will simply burrow into the ground. Such behaviour cannot be observed at the macroscopic level but the scientists showed that it was possible to organise a multitude of single particles and coerce them to exhibit "tunnelling" properties in a system, big enough to be held in the hand.

Electrical circuit

Much like early insight into quantum mechanics paved the way for transistors and silicon chips in the 1950s, the three scientists devised an electrical circuit with two superconductors, components that can conduct a current without any electrical resistance.

They separated these with a thin layer of material – called a Josephson junction – that did not conduct any current at all.

In this experiment, they showed that they could control and investigate a phenomenon in which all the charged particles in the superconductor behave in unison, as if they are a single 'particle' that fills the entire circuit.

Following this, they were able to demonstrate that such a particle could be made to behave simulating the flow of electricity even without voltage, a prerequisite for the flow of current.

These were akin to the first 'super-conducting circuits' that could potentially realise practical, useful quantum computers and quantum sensors.

Quantum computers, unlike contemporary computers, deal in 'qubits', rather than binary bits. This allows them to perform calculations exponentially faster but also threaten all kinds of encryption systems that are premised on bit-based computers.

Multi-tracking rail projects to come up in four States

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet on Economic Affairs on Tuesday approved four multi-tracking projects spanning 18 districts across Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, and Chhattisgarh, adding about 894 km to the Indian Railways network. The projects are to be developed at a cost of ₹24,634 crore by 2030-2031.

The approved multi-tracking project will enhance connectivity to approximately 3,633 villages, with a total population of about 85.84 lakh and two aspirational districts, that is, Vidisha and Rajnandgaon, a press statement from the Ministry of Railways said.

This includes 314 km of track expansion from two-track to four-track in the stretch between Wardha and Bhusawal in Maharashtra to be developed at a cost of ₹9,197 crore; 259 km between Vadodara in Gujarat to Ratlam in Madhya Pradesh at a cost of ₹8,885 crore; 237 km connecting Itarsi to Bhopal, and further to Bina in Madhya Pradesh, at a cost of ₹4,329 crore; and 84 km between Gondia in Maharashtra to Dongargarh in Chhattisgarh at a cost of ₹2,223 crore, Union Minister for Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw said at a press briefing.

Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vashnaw addressing the media at National Media Centre, New Delhi, on Tuesday. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

The projects are planned under the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan, which aims at integrated, multi-modal connectivity for efficient logistics by bringing together 16 Ministries.

An honour to serve, says Modi, marking 24 years in public office

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

As he enters his 25th year in public office, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday thanked the people for giving him an opportunity to serve the country and reiterated his government's commitment to building a developed India. "On this day in 2001, I was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Gujarat for the first time," Mr. Modi recalled on X.

Mr. Modi said India is emerging as a beacon of hope among economies across the globe.

"This opportunity to serve Mother India is the greatest honour," he said.

APPEAL

14 years old Zoya Badr needs to undergo HEART TRANSPLANTATION as she is diagonosed to have dilated cardiomyopathy and severe LV dysfunction. The surgery will be conducted at The Madras Medical Mission, Chennai. The surgery cost is **Rs.22,00,000/-** Her mother is a widow with meager income. It is very difficult for the mother to meet the surgery cost. Please give a new lease of life to her with your generous contribution. The donations sent through Ch/D.D/M.O/NEFT Transfer & GOOGLE PAY (Canara Bank, Nungambakkam Branch, A/C No.60182010063310, IFSC No.CNRB0016018) favouring **WOMEN'S WELFARE SYNDICATE** is exempted under 80G IT. Your e-mail ID is requested.

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‘Cash transfer does not address real issues in Bihar’

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar had promised ₹2 lakh to 94 lakh households who earn below ₹6,000 a month but he didn’t fulfil his promise, says CPI(ML)Liberation general secretary; he says State govt. paid no heed to the people’s voices while acquiring land for a power plant in Pirpainti; the BJP’s communal politics is ‘calculated’ and the saffron party is penetrating Bihar in a ‘dangerous way’

INTERVIEW

Dipankar Bhattacharya

Srinivasan Ramani
PATNA

The general secretary of the CPI(ML) Liberation, which is part of the *Mahagathbandhan* (grand alliance) in Bihar, Dipankar Bhattacharya, speaks about the yearning for change in the State and how the Opposition needs to capitalise on it by focusing on livelihood concerns. Edited excerpts:

A key achievement touted by the Nitish Kumar-led government now is the cash transfer of ₹10,000 to 25 lakh women (over and above the cash transfer by the Centre). What is your take on this?

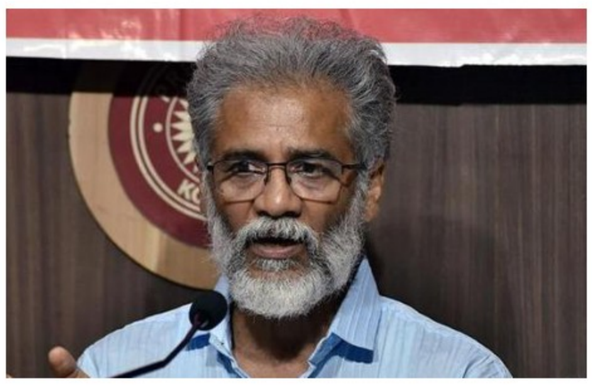
Chief Minister Nitish Kumar had promised ₹2 lakh to 94 lakh households who earn below ₹6,000 per month but he didn’t fulfil his promise even though we (the CPI(ML)-L and other parties) led so many agitations for it. Instead, he has now announced a token amount of ₹10,000 to women in the name of jobs. This is money provided to women in a State where they are highly indebted, according to a survey by the Bihar government. It clearly reflected that these households have to take debt even for their daily expenses. There is huge pressure from microfinance companies to pay back their debt.

While cash transfer has been a popular demand from women, this token gesture doesn’t address the real issues we’ve been fighting for. We had focused on women workers – ASHA, Anganwadi, and Jeevika workers; ASHA workers in Bihar used to get only ₹1,500-1,600 a month for 10 months – one of the lowest in India. In the agitations we led for them, the women had wanted it to be recognised as salary, and the amount increased. But that did not sustain.

Similar with Jeevika workers. In fact, one of the biggest agitations against this government was the Jeevika strike last September-October. We had extensive negotiations. For the vulnerable, for the self-help groups, for better remuneration – we managed to get our agenda acknowledged because of struggles.

As a Left party that has focused on land reform issues, how has this been perceived both by your alliance partners in the *Mahagathbandhan* and the government?

In the common minimum programme for our alliance, there is the demand for residential plot distribution – five decimals in urban areas and three decimals in rural areas for housing.



We will also come up with a supplementary manifesto from our party. In rural areas, especially among agricultural landowners, this land survey issue (recently conducted by the ruling government) is becoming significant. The land survey is basically creating land insecurity. Land records are in complete chaos.

Second is land acquisition – that’s also quite major. A lot of people whose land is being acquired are being told by the government that the land is not theirs.

We are also demanding the restoration of APMCs, securing procurement and the Minimum Selling Price, especially for major agricultural products like maize, vegetables etc., for which there is no proper pricing, limited processing facilities and minimal organised procurement beyond market dependence.

Recently you had raised concerns about land acquisition by the Adani Group in Pirpainti?

I had visited Pirpainti recently and it helped us get a proper sense of the real cost of this proposed Adani power plant. The land in question – 1,050 acres complete with close to 80 houses and lakhs of mango, litchi and other trees – was acquired by the Bihar government some 10 years ago disregarding local people’s objections.

When people went to the Patna High Court, the court dismissed the writ petition in October 2017, asserting that “it is the State which decides the site for acquisition and affected persons cannot compel the state to choose any alternative site”.

The irony is bitter – this verdict came four years after the 2013 Land Acquisition Act had emphasised the centrality of consent of land-losers. That’s a completely wrong interpretation of law. The compensation awarded has been inadequate and disparate.

At the time of acquisition, this site was meant for an NTPC power plant. After remaining idle all these years, this land is now being handed over to the Adani Group for a token annual lease amount of just ₹1 for 33 years. Now, in order to silence the people of Pirpainti, the administration and the BJP are trying to coerce people into submission.

What about migrant workers’ rights? Isn’t this also a critical issue?

The migrant worker issue is indeed significant. Many migrant workers from Bihar work in other States – Tamil Nadu, for instance. In Delhi, there was this whole anti-Bihari, anti-U.P. rhetoric during elections. All that is not happening as intensely now because governments are being more careful. But the right to vote for migrant workers remains contentious.

How do you see the BJP’s role in Bihar politics?

The BJP is trying to penetrate Bihar in dangerous ways. But I think our challenge is more fundamental. We need better organisation and clearer political vision. In Bengal, we saw how the situation deteriorated. The persecution narrative, the way the BJP plays communal politics – it’s all calculated.

What are your expectations for this election?

Our party is looking at contesting around 30-40 seats. We’re trying to widen our base beyond our 19 constituencies that we contested in 2020. The strike rate was good, especially in the south of Bihar.

If, as the Opposition alliance, we organise better campaigns, despite all the freebies and disruptions by the government, it is still possible to make bigger electoral gains as there is a yearning for change.

Full interview on newsth.live/dipankar

Trump insists tariffs stopped India-Pakistan hostilities

Press Trust of India
NEW YORK/WASHINGTON

U.S. President Donald Trump on Monday described his use of tariffs as a measure to stop wars, and said that his communication to India and Pakistan during the recent conflict was “very effective”, repeating his claim of ending the battle between the nuclear-armed neighbours using trade.

“Tariffs are very important for U.S. Not only do we make hundreds of billions of dollars, but we’re a peacekeeper because of tariffs,” Mr. Trump said on Monday.

The U.S. President said that if he did not use the “power of tariffs”, four wars would still be raging. “I use tariffs to stop wars. If you look at India and Pakistan, they were ready to go at it. Seven planes were shot down. They were ready to go at it. And they are nuclear powers.”

“And I don’t want to say exactly what I said, but what I said was very effective. They stopped. And that was based on tariffs. It was based on trade,” he said.

India has consistently denied any third-party intervention in the cessation of hostilities.

RS Chairman seeks support for smooth functioning of House

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

C.P. Radhakrishnan

Rajya Sabha Chairman C.P. Radhakrishnan, at his first meeting with floor leaders of parties on Tuesday evening, urged cooperation from all sides. No situation should be created that would lead to the suspension of members, Mr. Radhakrishnan said.

Invoking the parliamentary tradition of not interrupting the members’ maiden speeches, he said the Winter Session of Parliament, which begins mid-November, would be his maiden session as Chairman, and he hoped that the tradition would be extended to him, too, allowing for a session free of disruption.

In the two-hour long meeting, Mr. Radhakrishnan urged members to utilise all available parliamentary procedures, from Zero Hour to Question Hour.

The Opposition parties voiced their concern over the shrinking time available for them in the parliamentary schedule, and the inflexibility of the government.

The Congress’s Pramod Tiwari pointed out that the relations between the Treasury and Opposition Benches had deteriorated to such an extent that no farewell had been arranged for former Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar.

Nearly all Opposition floor leaders urged Mr. Radhakrishnan to ensure that debates on issues proposed by the Opposition, under various rules, should be permitted.

In the past eight years, no debate under Rule 267, which requires the suspension of the day’s business to discuss the issue at hand, had been taken up, said Sagarika Ghose, the Trinamool Congress’s deputy leader in Rajya Sabha.

Some members pointed out that protests by the Opposition had been deliberately blacked out by *Sansad TV*. To avoid showing the Opposition members, its cameras remained focused on the Treasury Benches, which the members said was a form of censorship.

AIMIM to contest 4 seats in Mithilanchal region of Bihar; Owaisi slams Tejashwi, BJP

Amarnath Tewary
PATNA

After the Election Commission announced the schedule for the Bihar Assembly election, political developments are moving thick and fast in the State, with the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) declaring that it would enter the contest in the Mithilanchal region.

The party had won five seats in the Seemanchal areas of northeastern Bihar in the last election.

“After Seemanchal, AIMIM will now contest in four seats in Mithilanchal area of Jale, Bisfi, Keoti and Darbhanga town,” AIMIM leader and Lok Sabha MP Asaduddin Owaisi said while addressing a public meeting at Kumrauli under Jale Assembly constituency of Darbhanga district on Monday.

The Mithilanchal area of northern Bihar comprises Madhubani, Darbhanga, Jhanjharpur, Supaul, Munger, Saharsa, and other districts. Darbhanga and Madhubani districts have a sizeable Muslim population that could decide the electoral fate of candidates in the upcoming election.

In the public meeting, Mr. Owaisi criticised both

The AIMIM had won five seats in the Seemanchal areas of northeastern Bihar in the last election. FILE PHOTO

Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav and the BJP.

In the 2020 Assembly election, the AIMIM contested 24 seats in the State and won five from the Seemanchal area of Kishanganj, Purnea, and Araria districts, where the Muslim population is over 55%. However, in June 2022, four of the party’s five MLAs defected to the Opposition RJD, leaving the State party chief and MLA Akhtarul Iman the only one to remain in the party.

BJP ticket seekers

Several artists have thrown their hat into the ring as well. Folk-cum-devotional singer from Mithilanchal Maithili Thakur recently met with top Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders and said she “hopes to start her political journey from her village”. Popular Bhojpuri actress Akshara Singh called on Union Minister and senior BJP leader Giriraj Singh on Tuesday to seek his “blessings”.

After meeting BJP leaders Nityanand Rai and Vinod Tawde, Ms. Thakur told presspersons: “I’m waiting for the official announcement... If I get the authority to serve my region, there will be nothing bigger than this opportunity. I’m not coming here (Bihar) to do politics or play games. My goal is to have power to bring about a change as the next five years are very crucial for Bihar.”

The buzz in political circles is that the 25-year-old singer, hailing from Benipatti in Madhubani district, is likely to be fielded either from Benipatti or Alinagar by the BJP.

CPI(ML) rejects RJD’s offer of 19 seats, says all options are open

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

Citing its strike rate of 12 seats from 19 contested in 2020 polls, CPI(ML) had been seeking at least 40 this time around

The Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) Liberation categorically rejected the offer of 19 seats made by the Rashtriya Janata Dal for the coming Bihar Assembly election, branding it an attack on its dignity.

In the 2020 Assembly election, the CPI(ML)Liberation contested 19 seats, winning 12 of them. Citing its strike rate, which was better than both the RJD and the Congress, it had been seeking at least 40 of the 243 seats as part of the *Mahagathbandhan* (grand alliance). The RJD contested 144 seats and won 75, while the Congress contested 70 seats and won only 19.

While the CPI(ML) Liberation tally remains unchanged, the RJD asked the Left party to swap some of the seats it earlier contested on and has again laid claim on. “The dignity of CPI(ML) will not be compromised. A fair share of seats for us is crucial to ensure *Mahagathbandhan*’s victory. What is surprising is that the RJD is not willing to understand that,” a senior leader said.

According to sources, the party has reduced its earlier demand from 40 seats to around 30, submitting this list to the RJD on Tuesday. This list, a senior party leader said, is non-negotiable. “We will decide whether or not to continue in *Mahagathbandhan* based on the RJD’s decision. All our options are open,” the senior leader added.

The CPI(ML)’s share in the coalition remains unchanged because the RJD has to accommodate Vikassheel Insaan Party with 12 seats. The VIP was offered 12 seats, which is just one more than they contested in 2020, when they were in alliance with the BJP. Speaking to reporters in Patna on Tuesday, its national president, Mukesh Sahni, claimed that seat-sharing had been settled and would be announced in a day or two.

Meanwhile, intense negotiations are going on within the NDA as top BJP leaders met Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) chief Chirag Paswan in New Delhi.

‘India’s response to the U.S. has been uncompromising’

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India’s response to the U.S. actions has been restrained but has not compromised on the country’s interests even though other countries have bent before the U.S. demands, Sanjeev Sanyal, member, Prime Minister’s Economic Advisory Council, said on Tuesday.

Speaking at the Aravalli Summit organised by Jawaharlal Nehru University’s (JNU) School of International Studies, to celebrate its 70th anniversary, Mr. Sanyal said the established powers in the world would not automatically create “space” for India as it grows in power and influence.

Addressing the summit, Malini Parthasarathy, Director, The Hindu Group, said the rise of “aggressive American protectionism” was one of the many challenges to India’s emergence, along with unresolved conflicts between Russia and Ukraine, and Israel and Palestine.

“Our rise in the world will have implications for us and for others,” Mr. Sanyal said. “At no point has a rising power been given the space. They have had to make that space in various ways. Nobody is going to give us space as we grow.” It is, therefore, essential for India to stand its ground when its interests are concerned, and an example of this is how it has dealt with the tariff pressure from the U.S.

Ms. Parthasarathy said the hostile moves against India by the U.S., including the restriction of H-1B visas, the tariffs on Indian products, and the “provocative hyphenation of India and Pakistan” by U.S. President Donald Trump “have been deeply unsettling”.

“The Jaishankar-Modi doctrine, as it is being called, unveils a new policy approach of multi-alignment and strategic autonomy to navigate a multipolar world,” Ms. Parthasarathy said.

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INBRIEF

Centre approves ₹707 crore in aid for Gujarat and Assam

A high-level committee chaired by Home Minister Amit Shah has approved ₹707.97 crore of additional Central assistance to the States of Assam and Gujarat, which were affected by flood and landslides during year 2024, a statement by the Ministry said. The assistance has been provided from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF). Out of the total amount of ₹707.97 crore, ₹313.69 crore has been approved for Assam and ₹394.28 crore for Gujarat. The committee also approved ₹903.67 crore to Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan under the NDRF for expansion and modernisation of fire services.

Tata Group leaders meet Amit Shah, Nirmala Sitharaman

Top honchos of the Tata Group, including Tata Trusts Chairman Noel Tata and Tata Sons Chairman N. Chandrasekaran, on Tuesday met Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman at Mr. Shah's residence amid infighting among trustees over board appointments and governance issues. The group exerts decisive influence over India's most valuable conglomerate through its about 66% stake in Tata Sons. Sources said Tata Trusts is said to be vertically split, with one section aligned with Noel Tata, who was appointed chairman of the Trusts following the death of Ratan Tata. Both Tata Trusts and Tata Sons declined to comment on the matter. PTI

Cough syrup death toll increases to 20 in M.P.

Five children, who consumed adulterated Coldrif, are under treatment for kidney failure; doctors launch indefinite strike against paediatrician's arrest; they seek action against drug manufacturer

Mehul Malpani
CHHINDWARA

Madhya Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Rajendra Shukla on Tuesday said 20 children have died so far after drinking a contaminated cough syrup, while five are under treatment for kidney failure.

Of the 20 children, 17 are from Chhindwara district, two from Betul, and one is from Pandhurna.

"Some children who were older have recovered, but two children died today [Tuesday] and one child died last night [Monday]. Earlier 17 children had died," Mr. Shukla said after visiting hospitals in Nagpur.

"Two children are admitted here [Government Medical College, Nagpur], two are at AIIMS, and one is at a private hospital. [Chief Minister] Mohan Yadav*ji's* government has made all arrangements so that they don't face any problems during treatment or any financial burden," he added.

The syrup, coldrif, was manufactured by Sresan Pharmaceuticals, based in Tamil Nadu's Kancheepuram.

Ensuring safety: Officials of the Drugs Department checking cough syrup at a medical store in Chhindwara on Sunday. ANI

Earlier this month, drug control authorities of Tamil Nadu and Madhya Pradesh found the syrup to be adulterated with over 45% diethylene glycol, a chemical causing serious health problems, prompting the two States to ban the sale of the syrup.

The Madhya Pradesh Police also arrested Praveen Soni, a government paediatrician in Chhindwara's Parasia, for prescribing the medicine, while also booking the manufacturer and forming a special investigation team (SIT) to probe the case.

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav said the State government would bear the cost of treatment of the children admitted in Nagpur.

Doctors' strike

In the wake of the paediatrician's arrest, several doctors staged a demonstration in Parasia and launched an indefinite strike, with the district unit of the Indian Medical Association (IMA) demanding Dr. Soni's immediate release. "He is not a criminal but a very senior doctor. Action should be taken against the drug manufacturers and those who approved it for use. He only prescribed it," said Ankur Batra, a general surgeon and IMA Parasia unit secretary.

Cong. seeks judicial probe, compensation for families

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Tuesday demanded a judicial probe and compensation for the families of the victims who died consuming adulterated cough syrup in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.

Addressing a press conference at the All India Congress Committee (AICC) headquarters, Leader of the Opposition in the Rajasthan Assembly Tika Ram Jully and his counterpart in Madhya Pradesh, Umang Singhar, alleged gross negligence on the part of the authorities in allowing the sale of the cough syrup despite reports of related deaths in the past.

The Congress leaders alleged that the company supplying the cough syrup had been blacklisted earlier, but despite that, it was allowed to supply the syrup.

'No State has fully complied with key drug quality norms'

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

CAPA guidelines form a critical part of Centre's revised pharmaceutical manufacturing regulations

While 18 State drug control authorities across the country have adopted the Online National Drugs Licensing System (ONDLS) for processing drug-related licences, no State has yet fully complied with the Corrective and Preventive Action (CAPA) guidelines, confirmed a source in the Union Health Ministry.

Both the ONDLS and CAPA are provisions under the Central government's revised Schedule M, which is a critical update to India's pharmaceutical manufacturing regulations.

Safety standards

"CAPA is crucial for ensuring safety and maintaining high standards in regulated industries such as pharmaceuticals. It is a universal quality management methodology for process improvement," the official said.

Voluntary compliance [with CAPA] is crucial for quality maintenance, he said, while speaking about the recent deaths of children in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan due to consumption of adulterated cough syrup.

CAPA also focuses on systematically investigating and resolving problems in managment issues. "Compliance with CAPA will ensure that drug violation is registered and corrective action is taken," the official said.

The ONDLS is a digital, single-window platform for processing various drug-related licences in India and has been developed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing in coordination with the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO).

"The system is designed to create a uniform, transparent, and accountable process for drug licensing across all States and Union Territories. It handles applications for manufacturing and sales licences, blood banks, and various certificates, such as WHO-GMP," said the official.

Data shared with *The Hindu* show that of the total 5,308 MSME pharma companiesin India, 3,838 have already complied with the revised Schedule M GMP.

New law is choking us, online gaming firms tell SC

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Online gaming companies on Tuesday said the new online gaming law has not left them even an "avenue of functioning" and employees are being laid off.

"Our business is closed completely. Employees are laid off. It is a huge issue for us," senior advocate C.A. Sundaram and advocate Rohini Musa said, urging a Supreme Court Bench of Justices J.B. Pardiwala and K.V. Viswanathan for an early hearing. The Bench deferred the case to November 4.

The companies have sought an interim stay on implementation of the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025, which bans real money games, related banking service and advertisements.

Top court asks States, U.T.s to frame road safety rules within six months

Aaratrika Bhaumik
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday directed all States and Union Territories to frame comprehensive road safety rules within six months, encompassing aspects such as pedestrian protection, helmet compliance, wrong-lane driving, unsafe overtaking, the use of dazzling LED headlights, and the unauthorised installation or sale of red-blue strobe lights and hooters.

A Bench of Justices J.B. Pardiwala and K.V. Viswanathan ordered that these rules be framed under Sections 138(1A) and 210-D of the Motor Vehicles (MV) Act, 1988. While Section 138(1A) authorises State governments to regulate the movement of pedestrians and non-mechanically propelled vehicles on public roads and national highways, Section 210-D mandates the prescription of standards for the design, construction, and maintenance of roads other than national highways.

Pedestrian safety is linked to broader policy goals, including accident prevention, inclusive mobility and walkability. FILE PHOTO

Highlighting that there was a "dire need" to ensure that pedestrian crossings are safe so that there is no "loss of life and limb", the Bench pointed to government data showing that more than 35,000 pedestrians were killed in road accidents in 2023, while over 54,000 two-wheeler riders and passengers lost their lives due to non-wearing of helmets.

The directions were issued on a public interest litigation petition filed by Coimbatore-based surgeon S. Rajasekaran, who had drawn attention to India's alarming rate of road fatalities and what he described as the "utter callous and casual attitude" of State authorities towards road safety despite statutory frameworks and repeated judicial pronouncements. "Pedestrian safety is intrinsically linked to broader policy goals, including accident prevention, inclusive mobility, walkability, and environmental objectives. The systematic failure of lane discipline compromises the predictability of vehicle flows, undermining safe pedestrian crossings and increasing exposure to high-risk interactions," the Bench said in its order.

The court also directed all authorities concerned to strictly enforce helmet laws for both riders and pillion passengers.

The court clarified that it was not disposing of the petition and would continue to monitor compliance with its directions.

Court flags unfair treatment of cadets injured in training

Aaratrika Bhaumik
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday expressed concern over "grave discrimination" in treatment of cadets medically discharged during armed forces training. The court noted that while recruits injured during training receive certain benefits, cadets who are on the verge of being commissioned as officers but are forced to discontinue owing to injuries are "left high and dry."

A Bench of Justices B.V. Nagarathna and R. Mahadevan observed, "The recruits who do not complete training are getting the benefits. But the officers-to-be, who are not able to complete training owing to injuries sustained during it, are left high and dry. To that extent, there is a lot of heartburn." Taking note of this disparity, the Bench directed the Union government to consider framing a rehabilitation scheme for such cadets, observing that they constitute a "minuscule number." Addressing Additional Solicitor-General (ASG) Aishwarya Bhati, who appeared for the Union, Justice Nagarathna remarked, "The numbers are very few... it is not that you are faced with a huge financial burden."

Ms. Bhati assured that the matter would be referred to experts at the service headquarters, whose recommendations would then be forwarded to the Ministries of Defence and Finance. Describing the ASG's submission as "reasonable and positive," the Bench granted the authorities time till November 18 to formulate a proposal.

Plea on service of judicial officers sent to larger Bench

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday referred to a five-judge Constitution Bench questions relating to the service conditions, pay structures, and promotional prospects of entry-level judicial officers.

A Bench comprising Chief Justice of India (CJI) B.R. Gavai and Justice K. Vinod Chandran passed the reference order while hearing a plea filed by the All India Judges Association.

Senior advocate Siddharth Bhatnagar, appearing as *amicus curiae*, had earlier highlighted an "anomalous situation" where officers recruited as Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC) rarely rise to the level of Principal District Judge.

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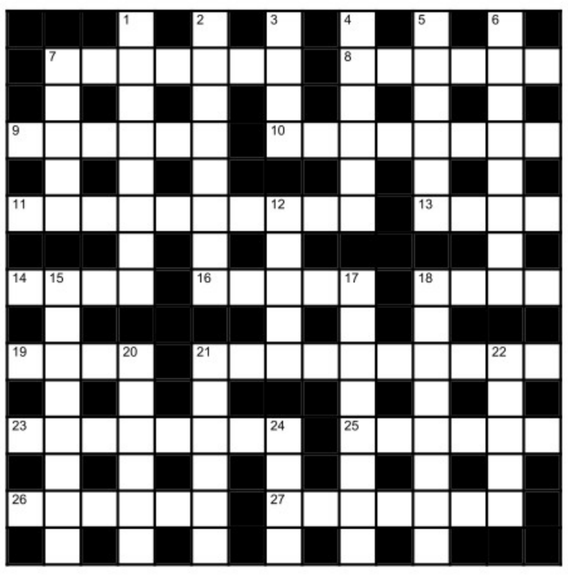

Across

7 Company backing very large conglomerate at last entering town (7)
8 From the beginning organisations regularly perhaps helping all needy and abandoned (6)
9 Minister carrying new weapon (6)
10 Excited bakers enthralled by North American state (8)
11 Threatened grenade explosion behind border (10)
13 Star hugging model in shock (4)
14 Jack was involved in chats (4)
16 Flier back from Afghani border (5)
18 Animals getting rid of old furs (4)
19 That lady concealing love for loafer, say (4)
21 Creature unfortunately returning in front of guy with the German (10)
23 Note by politician said to be profane (8)
25 Sweet? Not consuming limitless sugar (6)
26 Wild bears chasing unknown animals (6)
27 Group at first encouraged riot possibly hiding in church (7)

Down

1 Check lads spreading rumours (8)
2 Youth edited agreement removing mark (8)
3 Tin coated with finally ruby colour (4)
4 In favour of offer in bar (6)
5 Sprinkles bouquets (6)
6 Ruined punk? Right, collapsed inside club (8)
7 Cramps while cycling in country (5)
12 Agitator almost stumbles outside Brazil's capital (5)
15 Wins? That is victory shrouded by pains (8)
17 Submit main note perhaps (8)
18 Seizes children's game reportedly (8)
20 Trade old wine (6)
21 Sisters abandoned one sadly in trouble (6)
22 Cancel dates online (5)
24 Basically looped artistic cross-stitch embroidery for filigree (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Shun pride, remain humble

In our lives, feelings and attitudes play a significant role. Among the negative traits, arrogance is one of the most destructive. It drags a person down, no matter how high he may rise. Arrogance makes one think highly of oneself while looking down upon others. A person may become conceited due to education, appearance, or wealth. However, if one lets go of pride and embraces humility, one naturally earns respect from others.

Praise is often the root cause of happiness. Yet, true respect is commanded only when a person shuns pride and remains humble. Lord Krishna, in the Bhagavad Gita, teaches that one who treats both blame and praise alike, who stays silent and content in every situation, and who remains steady in mind, is truly dear to Him (*Tulya ninda*, Chapter 12, Verse 19).

Thanneerpalli Sri. Krishnan Swamy said in a discourse that a person may become engrossed in pride not only in worldly possessions but even in the wisdom of self-knowledge. To remain balanced in such a situation is truly difficult. Genuine equipoise can be attained only through the guidance of a Guru, who helps one overcome pride and walk the path of humility. Sandilya Smruthi states that an Acharya should carefully choose his disciples, because any misconduct by the disciples ultimately reflects upon the teacher (*Sishya papam gurorapi*). The Acharya should teach the Sastras faithfully without alteration or distortion. At the same time, the disciples must remain equally sincere, disciplined, and devoted to learning.

Saint poet Tiruvalluvar says freedom from arrogance, anger, and petty-mindedness spells dignity in greatness.

INBRIEF

'Automobile retail sales saw YoY growth of 5.22% in Sept.'

Automobile retail sales in September grew 5.22% to 19,64,547 units from 17,36,760 units in the year-earlier, with all segments except three-wheelers and construction equipment showing a positive momentum, according to data released by the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA) on Tuesday. Two-wheelers, passenger vehicles (PV), tractors and commercial vehicles (CV) posted a year-on-year growth of 6.5%, 5.8%, 3.6% and 2.6%, respectively.

Bajaj Auto gets ₹3.5 crore tax demand notice from Assam

Bajaj Auto on Tuesday said it has received a tax demand of over ₹3.5 crore from Assam authorities. The company has received an order for excess input tax credit availed in GSTR-3B compared with GSTR-2A for FY 21-22, and demanded the difference as tax amounting to ₹3,51,87,014 along with applicable interest and penalty of ₹35,18,701, the firm said in a regulatory filing. The company availed input tax credit after fulfilling all conditions of GST law, it added. PTI

LG Electronics' ₹11,607-crore IPO fully subscribed on day 1

The initial public offer of LG Electronics India Ltd. was fully subscribed on the first day of bidding on Tuesday. The three-day IPO received bids for 7,44,73,685 shares against 7,13,34,320 shares on offer, translating into 1.04 times subscription, according to NSE data. The portion meant for non-institutional investors garnered 2.31 times subscription, while retail individual investors subscribed 81%. The firm on Monday collected ₹3,475 crore from anchor investors. PTI

Waiting for other countries to unveil digital currency: RBI

Deputy Governor Rabi Sankar's remark comes at a time when FM emphasises the need for nations to prepare for adoption of stable coins

Ashokamithran T.
MUMBAI

Making a point: The most appropriate use-case for a CBDC was cross border payments, Mr. Rabi Sankar said. ANI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is waiting for other countries to launch digital currency and is in no hurry to roll out Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) nation wide for retail, said Deputy Governor Rabi Sankar.

"We're in no hurry because, you see, for this system to launch, you also have to have other countries launching it simultaneously," Mr. Sankar said on the sidelines of Global Fintech Fest on Tuesday. He said the most appropriate use-case for a CBDC was cross border payments, although he did not rule out a retail unveiling.

Use UPI with biometrics

Mr. Sankar's comments assume significance in light of Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's recent observation that it was time for nations to prepare for adoption of stable coins.

The Global Fintech Fest saw the unveiling of biometric authentication for UPI payments by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). The biometric authentication on-device can be used in place of the PIN that has been in use since UPI was launched in 2016.

Secretary to the Department of Financial Services at the Ministry of Finance M. Nagaraju unveiled the feature. The facility will be made available to customers who choose to opt, giving them control over their preferred mode of authentication, the announcement said. "Each transaction is independently verified by the issuing bank using robust cryptographic checks, ensuring the highest level of safety while keeping the experience simple and seamless," the NPCI said.

The biometric system is expected to widely benefit senior citizens and first-time users.

World Bank raises India's FY26 growth outlook to 6.5%

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The World Bank has upgraded its growth outlook for India to 6.5% in 2025-26, from the earlier 6.3%, citing stronger domestic conditions and also the impact of the GST rate cuts. However, it has revised downward its forecast for 2026-27 to 6.3%, saying the impact of the U.S. tariffs will dampen growth.

In its South Asia Development Update released on Tuesday, the World Bank said India's real GDP growth "exceeded expectations" in the April-June 2025 quarter, accelerating to 7.8%. It noted that growth was bolstered by strong private consumption and investment and boosted by lower-than-expected prices.

For the current financial year, the World Bank said India's growth has been revised upwards to 6.5% from the earlier prediction of 6.3%.

"India is expected to remain the world's fastest growing major economy, underpinned by continued strength in consumption growth," the report said. "Domestic conditions, particularly agricultural output and rural wage growth, have been better than expected."

The government's reforms to the Goods and Services Tax are expected to support activity.

"The government's reforms to the Goods and Services Tax (GST) – reducing the number of tax brackets and simplifying compliance – are expected to support activity," it added.

However, it said that the forecast for 2026-27 has been downgraded from 6.5% to 6.3% as a result of the imposition of the 50% tariff on about three-quarters of India's goods exports to the U.S.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	81,927	0.17
US Dollar	88.77	-0.03
Gold	1,24,000	0.56
Brent oil	65.24	—

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2542.20	-31.30
Adani Ports	1399.50	-1.00
Apollo Hosp	7700.00	38.00
Asian Paints	2352.80	-2.00
Axis Bank	1186.80	-26.00
Bajaj Auto	8904.00	112.00
Bajaj Finserv	2032.60	-0.60
Bajaj Finance	1016.55	7.65
Bharat Elec	410.30	-2.95
Bharti Airtel	1929.00	25.90
Cipla	1513.30	0.20
Coal India	384.70	2.80
Dr Reddys Lab	1248.50	-0.10
Eicher Motors	6957.00	77.00
Eternal Ltd.	337.85	2.75
Grasim Ind	2808.00	0.60
HCL Tech	1433.40	15.70
HDFC Bank	982.50	9.05
HDFC Life	755.60	-7.45
Hindalco	767.80	-8.90
Hind Unilever	2517.20	-24.60
ICICI Bank	1375.90	12.50
IntGlobeAvi	5664.00	-30.50
Infosys	1458.50	-17.50
ITC	399.80	-0.95
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	309.90	3.65
JSW Steel	1156.80	-3.10
Kotak Bank	2126.90	-19.10
L&T	3729.70	-7.30
M&M	3492.80	20.80
Maruti Suzuki	16108.00	110.00
Max Healthcare	1130.70	-9.00
NestleIndia	1176.80	-4.90
NTPC	338.00	-1.10
ONGC	245.32	-0.54
PowerGrid Corp	289.00	2.10
Reliance Ind	1384.80	9.80
SBI Life	1784.10	13.20
State Bank	864.70	-9.35
Shriram Finance Ltd.	666.80	-4.65
Sun Pharma	1653.10	-1.60
TataConsumerProduct	1120.00	-22.10
Tata Motors	698.05	-14.60
Tata Steel	171.43	1.37
TCS	2973.70	-14.70
Tech Mahindra	1438.90	-0.40
Titan	3418.20	-7.20
Trent Ltd.	4686.00	-91.30
UltraTech Cement	12184.00	129.00
Wipro	243.53	1.40

AI is being weaponised for fraud: Finance Minister

Ashokamithran T.
MUMBAI

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is being weaponised for malpractices and that's the dark side of the technology, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said, citing instances of deep fake videos of herself being circulated online to "mislead citizens".

"AI is being weaponised for deception and fraud. I'm not personalising it but I can say I have seen several deep fake videos of myself being circulated online, manipulated to mislead citizens [and] distort facts," Ms. Sitharaman said speaking at the Fintech Fest here on Tuesday.

"It is a reminder of the urgency with which we must strengthen our defences. The new generation of fraud is no longer about breaching firewalls," Ms. Sitharaman said, adding that it was now about "hacking trust".

The Finance Minister said that criminals were now using Artificial Intelligence to "mimic and clone identities and create life-like videos that can manipulate people".

Tara Venu appointed as ED, Atelier Expressions

TVS Venu International Holdings Pte Ltd. has announced the appointment of Tara S. Venu as Executive Director of Atelier Expressions, a venture to support initiatives that celebrate craftsmanship.

India said to probe Adani Defence for tax evasion on missile-part imports

Reuters
NEW DELHI

Indian authorities are investigating Adani Enterprises' defence unit for evading import taxes on components used to make missiles, two government sources with direct knowledge said, marking the newest regulatory scrutiny of the group.

Adani Defence Systems and Technologies is one of the smaller businesses of the coal-to-airports conglomerate of billionaire Gautam Adani. It makes defence equipment like missiles, drones and small arms, mostly for Indian security forces.

India's Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) started investigating Adani Defence in March for evading tariffs of ₹770 million ($9 million) in importing some missile components by wrongly claiming they were exempt from customs duties and tax, according to the two government sources and a document detailing the case that was reviewed by *Reuters*.

In a statement, Adani Group said the DRI "sought clarifications" on imports based on their interpretation of the customs rules and the "clarifications have been provided with supporting documents."

"The issue stands closed from our end," an Adani spokesperson added.

The alleged amount of tax evaded - $9 million - is significant given it is more than 10% of Adani Defence's 2024-25 revenue of $76 million, and more than half its profit.

'Manufacturing revenue goal is ₹32,000 cr. by '30'

New peaks: Harsha Viji (left), executive vice-chairman, Sundaram Finance Ltd. and Srivats Ram, MD, Wheels India Ltd. BIJOY GHOSH

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Sundaram Finance Holdings Ltd., the investment arm of TSF Group, has been renamed TSF Investments Ltd.

In addition, TSF Group's holding structure includes Trichur Sundaram Santhanam & Family Private Ltd. (TSSF) and Sundaram Finance (SF).

The TSF Group has also laid out an ambitious five-year roadmap aligned with its journey towards completing 120 years in 2031. The plans include doubling manufacturing revenue from ₹16,000 crore to ₹32,000 crore by 2030, expanding global exports, and growing Sundaram Finance Group's assets under management (AUM) from ₹1.5 lakh crore to ₹4 lakh crore.

In an extensive interaction with journalists of *The Hindu Group*, Harsha Viji, executive vice chairman of Sundaram Finance, and Srivats Ram, MD, Wheels India, elaborated on the organisations' long-term plans and the role of the fourth-generation family members.

"By 2030, the group aims to double its manufacturing revenue from ₹16,000 crore to over ₹30,000 crore, expand global exports. We see ourselves investing around ₹2,500 crore in manufacturing. Part of it would be into existing businesses, some of it into new businesses - could be joint ventures and acquisitions.

"These are all very early stages," Mr. Ram said.

Mr. Viji highlighted the used-vehicle business and said: "Used vehicle is another area we are traditionally focused on. Our used vehicle proportion over time has grown from 8% disbursement to now about 27%. I would like that to be 50%."

Tech, key area

Both of them said technology was a key area of investment. On the manufacturing side, they had substantially increased its focus on R&D.

In financial services, analytics is being leveraged to inform credit decisions – identifying customers who can be fast-tracked– and to optimise lending rates for individual customers. The top company officials said fourth-generation family members were now leading key firms.

Office of the Superintending Engineer Water Resources Circle Nohar (Hanumangarh)
Notice Inviting Bid
(NIB Code-WRN2526A0096)

Bids for 01 Nos of Work estimated cost from 1302.14 lac involving Rehabilitation of Chhani Disty 0 to 3.47 km, sardarpura disty 0 to 9.875 km, munsari disty 0 to 6 km and baruwali mr 0 to 7.163 km. CM Budget announcement 2025-26 are invited from prospective bidders up to 15.10.2025 at 6.00 PM. Other particulars of the bids may be visited on the procurement portal **http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in**, of the state and **www.water.rajasthan.gov.in** departmental website.

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E-procurement tenders are invited from eligible bidders for "SUPPLY AND INSTALL DESKTOP COMPUTERS, LAPTOPS AND HEAVY DUTY PRINTERS (NETWORK PRINTERS) WITH WARRANTY SUPPORT SERVICES AT VARIOUS OFFICES OF JODHPUR DISCOM" under **TN-IT-39 (UBN No JVV2526GLOB00627).** Details regarding work, Tender cost, Earnest money/bid security, Date of tender opening etc. are available at our website **www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jdvvnl & sppp.rajasthan.gov.in.** The bidders, in their own interest are requested to read very carefully the tender documents before submitting the bid only through on line on website **www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in.**

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कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, संभाग द्वितीय जोधपुर (मुख्यालय बाड़मेर)

क्रमांक:–1598–1605 दिनांक:–25.09.2025

निविदा सूचना संख्या : 06 वर्ष 2025–2026
NIB No. PWD2526A3511

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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
BUILDINGS & ROADS (SOUTH) DIVISION
PWD., PUDUCHERRY

Request for Proposal

No. 1062/PW/BRS/DB/PMGSY.III/2025-26 Puducherry, the 07.10.2025

1. For details, Visit **www.pmgsytenderspy.nic.in**
2. E-bids are invited by the Executive Engineer, Buildings & Roads(South) Division, PWD., Puducherry from suitable agencies for the Supply, Installation, Commissioning, Maintaining and Monitoring of GPS based Vehicle Tracking System (AIS-140 Standard) in key machinery and equipment engaged in execution of road works in locations as identified by PIUs under PMGSY-III in Puducherry and Karaikal.
3. For detailed scope of work and other terms and conditions, please refer the RFP document available at **https://www.pmgsytenderspy.nic.in/.** The RFP can be downloaded from 4.00 p.m. of 09.10.2025 to 4.00 p.m. on 23.10.2025.
4. Interested agencies who qualifies as per the criteria mentioned in the RFP document may submit their proposals only through online in the e-procurement Portal latest by 23.10.2025 till 4.00 PM.

Last date and time for submission of tender : 23.10.2025 up to 4.00 PM.
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(S.CHANDIRAKUMAR)
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

No.460/DIP/AD(Press)/2025-26

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YANGON

Myanmar junta strike at festival protest kills dozens, locals say

AFP

A Myanmar military strike on Chaung U township during the Thadingyut full moon festival and protest killed 40 people, including children, an attendee and a local committee member told *AFP* on Tuesday. Myanmar has been reeling from civil war since the military seized power in a 2021 coup. AFP

DUBAI

Israeli defence companies barred from Dubai Airshow, says organiser

AP

Israeli defence companies have been barred from the upcoming Dubai Airshow after a "technical review", its organiser said on Tuesday, without providing details. Registrations were withdrawn for all six Israeli companies that were to take part, said Tim Hawes, managing director, Informa Markets, which organises the show. AFP

MOSCOW

Ukraine strike in Russian-held part of Kherson region kills four

AFP

Four civilians were killed in an Ukrainian "targeted drone attack on civilian vehicles", Vladimir Saldo, governor of the Russian-held part of Ukraine's Kherson region, wrote on Telegram. Kyiv has stepped up retaliatory strikes. It did not immediately comment but denies targeting civilians in Russian-occupied areas. AFP

COLOMBO

Sri Lanka's economic recovery remains incomplete: World Bank

AFP

Cash-strapped Sri Lanka's recovery from its worst economic meltdown remains "uneven and incomplete" with several households yet to regain livelihoods lost during the 2022 crisis, the World Bank said on Tuesday. Projected growth would slow to 4.6 per cent in 2025 and 3.5 per cent in 2026, it said. AFP

Israel marks October 7 anniversary as talks held to end the war in Gaza

A Hamas official called the October 7 attack a 'historic response' to Israel's bid to 'eradicate the Palestinian cause'; he also said group was working to 'surmount all obstacles' to sealing a deal in Egypt; Trump says there is a 'real chance' to end war

Agence France-Presse
JERUSALEM

Israel marked the second anniversary of the October 7 attack on Tuesday, as Hamas and Israeli negotiators held indirect talks aimed at ending the war in Gaza under a U.S.-proposed peace plan, with U.S. President Donald Trump voicing optimism about a deal.

Two years ago to the day, Hamas launched the deadliest attack on Israel in the country's history, sparking a huge retaliatory offensive in Gaza.

Solemn vigil: People visit the Nova music festival memorial site on the second anniversary of the Hamas attack in Israel on Tuesday. AP

Shocking assault

The attack shocked the world, with Palestinian fighters breaching the Gaza-Israel border, and storming southern Israeli communities and a desert music festival with gunfire, rockets and grenades.

It resulted in the deaths of 1,219 people, mostly civilians. Militants also took 251 people hostage into Gaza, of whom 47 remain captive, including 25 the Israeli military says are dead. On Tuesday, senior Hamas official Fawzi Barhoum called the October 7 attack a "historic response" to Israel's bid to "eradicate the Palestinian cause". Two years on, global pressure to end the war has escalated, with much of Gaza flattened, a UN-declared famine unfolding and Israeli families still longing for their loved ones' return.

Accusations of genocide

A UN probe last month accused Israel of genocide in Gaza while rights groups have accused Hamas of committing war crimes and crimes against humanity during the October 7 attack. Both sides reject the allegations.

Meanwhile, U.S. President Donald Trump on Tuesday voiced optimism in ending the Gaza war.

"There's a real chance that we could do something," Mr. Trump told reporters in the Oval Office. "I think there's a possibility that we could have peace in the Middle East. It's something even beyond the Gaza situation."

Last week, Mr. Trump unveiled a 20-point peace plan calling for a ceasefire, the release of all the hostages, Hamas's disarmament and a gradual Israeli withdrawal from Gaza. The plan received positive responses from both Israel and Hamas and prompted talks in Egypt, with negotiators beginning indirect discussions on Monday. On Wednesday, Mr. Trump's special envoy Steve Witkoff will join the talks, according to Egyptian Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty.

In Israel, relatives and friends of those killed at the Nova music festival lit candles and held a minute's silence at the site of the attack.

Pro-Palestine protesters across cities condemn war

Associated Press
ANKARA

Protesters gathered in several countries on Tuesday to condemn the war in Gaza as Israelis marked the second anniversary of the Hamas attack.

More than 1,000 pro-Palestinian protesters marched to the U.S. Embassy in Indonesia's capital of Jakarta to denounce Israel's blockade of Gaza and the detention of activists from the Global Sumud Flotilla that tried to break through last week.

Chanting "Free free Palestine" and waving flags, demonstrators called for the activists' release and condemned two years of Israeli military action in Gaza. Authorities in Indonesia – the world's most populous Muslim majority nation and one that has no formal ties with Israel – deployed over 1,000 police to secure the embassy.

In solidarity: Demonstrators hold banners during a protest in support of Palestinians in Tokyo on Tuesday. AP

In Japan, hundreds of protesters, including Palestinians, marched through downtown Tokyo demanding a ceasefire in Gaza and the hostages' release.

A pro-Palestinian candlelight vigil was held in Taiwan. Meanwhile, British Prime Minister Keir Starmer criticised pro-Palestinian protests planned at universities across the country on the anniversary, calling them "un-British."

In Istanbul, where public support for Palestinians runs deep, the iconic Galata Tower was illuminated with the colours of the Palestinian flag to draw attention to the humanitarian situation in Gaza, Turkiye's Tourism and Culture Ministry said. A protest was scheduled to take place near the Israeli Consulate in Istanbul.

FIR filed against deposed Nepal PM Oli, ex-Home Minister

Press Trust of India
KATHMANDU

The complaint sought to establish the duo's criminal accountability for the deaths during demonstrations

Nepal's youth-led Gen-Z group, which organised anti-government protests last month, on Tuesday registered an FIR against deposed Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli and former Home Minister Ramesh Lekhak, seeking their criminal accountability for the deaths during the demonstrations.

The Kathmandu District Police Circle Spokesperson, Superintendent of Police Pawan Bhattarai, confirmed that the FIR was registered at the Kathmandu District Police Office.

He said that since a probe commission has already been constituted to investigate the matter, the police have forwarded the FIR to the high-level Judicial Investigation Commission headed by Justice Gauri Bahadur Karki.

"The FIR registered by the Gen-Z youths with the police will establish their (Oli and Lekhak's) criminal accountability and pave the way for investigation of the crime committed on 8 and 9 September," said senior advocate Dinesh Tripathi.

Nineteen protesters were killed during the police firing on September 8, the first day of the Gen-Z protests.

In total, 76 people were killed during the two-day protests.

France's Macron urged by his first PM to resign as deadlock persists

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

Emmanuel Macron's first Prime Minister on Tuesday urged the cornered French head of state to resign in a shock call that compounded an escalating political crisis.

The intervention by Edouard Philippe, Mr. Macron's longest-serving Prime Minister (2017-2020) and who now heads an allied political party, came as frustration grew even within the President's own camp over the biggest domestic political crisis of his eight years in office.

Prime Minister Sebastien Lecornu, appointed less than a month ago, stepped down on Monday morning after failing to rally support across the centre-right coalition for his new government, which is also only supported by a minority in Parliament.

Mounting pressure: Edouard Philippe (R) has urged French President Emmanuel Macron to call early Presidential elections. AFP

Mr. Macron ordered him to make a last-ditch effort to rally support for a coalition government but there was no sign of progress with the far-right refusing to even attend a meeting.

France's next Presidential elections are scheduled to take place in 2027 and are seen as a historic crossroads in French politics, with the French far right under Marine Le Pen sensing its best chance yet of taking power. Mr. Macron is constitutionally barred from seeking a third mandate.

Mr. Philippe, who has already declared he will stand, said the polls should be held early once a budget is passed, in comments *Le Parisien* daily described as "political bomb".

Denouncing a "distressing political game", he said it was up to Mr. Macron to help France "emerge in an orderly and dignified manner from a political crisis that is harming the country".

In a scathing editorial, the *Le Monde* daily said the crisis was "yet another demonstration of the unravelling" of Mr. Macron's second mandate following his win in 2022.

Among other options, Mr. Macron could reappoint Mr. Lecornu, select a person who would be the eighth Prime Minister of his mandate, or hold new legislative elections.

The next premier will face the challenge of finding enough support for an austerity budget at a time when France's public debt has reached a record high.

Syrian govt., Kurdish forces reach ceasefire after deadly clashes

Agence France-Presse
DAMASCUS

Syria has rejected Kurdish demands for a decentralised govt. giving them greater autonomy

Syria announced a comprehensive ceasefire with Kurdish forces after a meeting on Tuesday between Syrian President Ahmed al-Sharaa [Mohammad al-Jolani] and Kurdish leader Mazloum Abdi that followed deadly clashes in the northern city of Aleppo.

Syria's authorities, who took power last year after the ouster of longtime ruler Bashar al-Assad, have rejected Kurdish demands for a decentralised government giving them greater autonomy.

The issue has added to tensions with the Kurdish administration that controls swathes of the north and northeast, while differences between the two sides have held up implementation of a March 10 deal on integrating the Kurds' civil and military institutions into the state.

In a statement on X, Syrian Defence Minister Murhaf Abu Qasra said he had met in Damascus with Mr. Abdi.

"We agreed on a comprehensive ceasefire on all fronts, and on points for military deployment in north and northeast Syria," Mr. Qasra said, adding that implementation of the deal would begin immediately.

A government source told *AFP* the meeting came after Mr. Sharaa met with Mr. Abdi.

Gisele Pelicot's abuser knew she was asleep: investigator

Agence France-Presse
NIMES

Husamettin Dogan, the only man who is appealing his conviction for sexually abusing Gisele Pelicot, was "fully aware" that the Frenchwoman was asleep when he abused her, an investigator said on Tuesday.

Dogan is seeking to overturn his conviction for raping Gisele Pelicot, whose ex-husband had for over a decade recruited strangers to abuse her while she was drugged. In December, Dogan was one of 50 men found guilty of sexual abuse at Dominique Pelicot's invitation and sentenced to nine years in prison. During the first trial Ms. Gisele, 72, waived her anonymity, becoming an international icon and a symbol in the fight against sexual violence.

Gisele Pelicot

Dogan protested his innocence, saying he was not a "rapist" and insisting he thought he was participating in a libertine couple's sexual game.

"I have no doubt that he was fully aware of the victim's condition," investigator Jeremie Bosse-Platiere said.

Ms. Gisele is set to take the stand today.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER,
RAYAGADA (R&B) CIRCLE, RAYAGADA
e-Procurement Notice
Bid Identification No. C.C.E (RANDB) RGDA- 06 / 2025-26 (Online) Dt.24.09.2025
No.1769 Date : 24.09.2025
INVITATION FOR BIDS

1.	The **Chief Construction Engineer, Rayagada (R&B) Circle, Rayagada** on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites **percentage rate bids** in **double cover mode** to be received in **online mode** only for the construction of works as detailed in the table below:		
2.	Nature of Work	:	**Road Work**
3.	No. of Works	:	**01 (One) No. of work**
4.	Estimated Cost (Approximately)	:	**Rs.369.01 Lakh**
5.	Bid Cost (Online)	:	**Rs.10,000/-**
6.	**EMD / Bid Security Amount (Online)**	:	**One Percentage of the Estimated Cost.**
7.	**Class of Contractor**	:	**A Class only as per Financial Eligibility.**
8.	Availability of Bid Documents in the website	:	**11.00 Hours of Dt.09.10.2025 to 17.00 Hours of Dt.24.10.2025**
9.	Date of Opening of Bid	:	**11.00 Hrs of Dt. 27.10.2025**
10.	The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website : **https://tendersorissa.gov.in** . Any Addendum / Corrigendum / Cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website. The authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof.		

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ANDHRA PRADESH MARITIME BOARD
Notification No.2/APMB/2025-2026
Applications are invited from interested candidates for the following positions to work on contract basis in Andhra Pradesh Maritme Board.

Name of the Position	No. of Positions
Port Officer	2

Interested candidates may please go through the website **https://apmaritime.in/#/careers** for further details.
DIPR 4475PP/CL, Dt.07/10/2025 Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, AP Maritime Board

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
DEPARTMENT OF SERICULTURE
NOTIFICATION
Rc.No.938/APSSRDI/2022-B1A, Dated.08.10.2025
Applications are invited for "Filling up the post of Director, A.P. State Sericulture Research and Development Institute, Kirikera, Hindupur, erstwhile Anantapuramu District. Please apply in strict confidence with detailed bio-data on or before 27/10/2025. The detailed notification can be downloaded **w.e.f. 08/10/2025** onwards at our website: **http://sericulture.ap.gov.in**
DIPR 4473PP/CL, Dt.07/10/2025 Sd/- Member Convenor/Director of Sericulture

ALL STYLE

Brits and her quirky milestone celebrations draw attention

GETTY IMAGES

Tazmin Brits came up with a new celebration after reaching the three-figure mark in the ODI World Cup match against New Zealand in Indore on Monday. After reaching her ton, the opener got down on one knee, pulled out an invisible arrow and shot it to the crowd. The new routine, she revealed, was a fan request.

REIGN CONTINUES

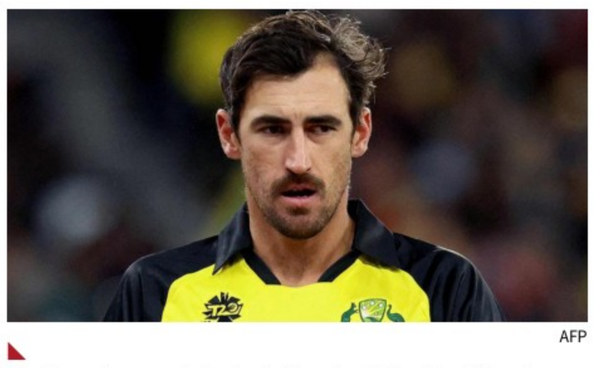
Smriti remains at the top of ODI batting charts, Sciver-Brunt second

K.R. DEEPAK

Smriti Mandhana continues to top the ODI batting charts though the lead has reduced following two underwhelming performances in the ongoing ICC World Cup. Smriti, with 791 rating points, is 60 points ahead of England's Nat Sciver-Brunt. Australia's Beth Mooney occupies the third spot with 713 rating points.

BIG BATTLE

Starc back for ODIs against India; Marsh to continue as captain



AFP

The Australian squads for the India series: **ODIs:** Marsh (Capt.), Bartlett, Carey, Connolly, Dwarshuis, Ellis, Green, Hazlewood, Head, Inglis, Owen, Renshaw, Short, Starc and Zampa; **T20Is (first two)**: Marsh (Capt.), Abbott, Bartlett, David, Dwarshuis, Ellis, Hazlewood, Head, Inglis, Kuhnemann, Owen, Short, Stoinis and Zampa.

HOME COMFORT

Deshwal stars as Tamil Thalaivas outclasses Patna Pirates

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Tamil Thalaivas finished its home leg with a 56-37 win against Patna Pirates in the PKL in Chennai. The star was Arjun Deshwal, who registered 26 points, a career-best, while also amassing his 71st Super 10 in the league. Dabang Delhi beat Haryana Steelers by winning the Five Raids 9-3 after the teams tied at 33-33.

England's Knight in shining armour

The experienced campaigner makes a memorable return to the crease with a match-winning innings against a spirited Bangladesh side

ODI WORLD CUP

Rajdeep Saha
GUWAHATI

Guiding force: Knight's experience came to the fore in a tricky chase. RITU RAJ KONWAR

England survived a few nervous moments to eke out a four-wicket win against Bangladesh in a Women's World Cup match at the Barsapara Stadium on Tuesday.

Sophie Ecclestone's three-wicket haul and a crucial partnership between Heather Knight and Charlie Dean sealed the win for the four-time champion.

Despite losing the toss, skipper Nigar Sultana Joty revealed that Bangladesh did want to bat first. But the side lost Rubya Haider Jhelik and Joty early on, with the latter walking back for nought.

Sharmin Akter was going strong on 30, but soon after the flood lights came on and the players broke for a drink, the batter edged Ecclestone to Amy Jones behind the stumps.

The left-arm tweaker put the squeeze on Bangladesh with three run-less overs, two of which were wicket maidens.

Nat Sciver-Brunt lent a helping hand to Ecclestone's miserly spell (three for 24) with tight field layouts, like deploying Tammy Beaumont at silly point, which frustrated the batters. This resulted in Bangladesh scoring just 16 runs in the 21-30 over period.

Joty could be seen shouting instructions from the dressing room, perhaps asking her batters to show more intent. Sobhana Mostary's measured 60 and Rabeya Khan's counter-attacking 43 paid heed to their captain, and Bangladesh mustered up 178 in 49.4 overs.

Bangladesh bowlers had restricted Pakistan to a low total in their last match; now they had to defend one. Marufa Akter swung the ball early to remove both England openers and give her side the perfect start.

After Marufa's double strike, it was leg-break bowler Fahima Khatun who danced her way through the English middle-order. She saw the back of settled Sciver-Brunt and Sophia Dunkley in the same over, before removing Emma Lamb.

Between the 11th and 20th overs, the chasing side managed only 25 runs.

Then, Shanjida Akther Maghla marked her World Cup debut with Alice Capsey's wicket, and Bangladesh seemed to be in control.

However, the 79-run stand between Knight and Dean swung it around.

The former skipper, almost mirroring Mostary's knock, trudged to 50 off 86 balls after enjoying three reprieves and propelled England past the line.

The scores: Bangladesh 178 in 49.4 overs (Sobhana Mostary 60, Rabeya Khan 43 n.o., Sharmin Akter Supta 30, Sophie Ecclestone 3/24) lost to England 182/6 in 46.1 overs (Heather Knight 79 n.o., Nat Sciver-Brunt 32, Fahima Khatun 3/16).
Toss: England; **PoM:** Knight.

Pakistan faces a daunting task against Australia

Lavanya L
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If you thought India versus Pakistan was a skewed rivalry, wait till you see the numbers behind the ODI tussles between Australia and Pakistan. A 16-0 record in favour of the defending champion is just the tip of a very grim iceberg.

The last time these two sides met in the format was in 2023. Three massive defeats Down Under – by eight wickets, 10 wickets, and 101 runs – followed. Heading into a crucial Women's ODI World Cup fixture on Wednesday here, which could just put it out of reckoning for a place in the knockouts, Pakistan will feel the heat.

With two losses in as many games – against Bangladesh and India – Pakistan faces an uphill task to find a win against an Australian batting juggernaut that is showing no signs of stopping.

As is the case with most Asian nations, its bowling has much more heft than its faltering batting, which is yet to find rhythm in this tournament.

The highest ODI score Pakistan has managed against the Aussies is 235. On a slow and low surface at the R. Premadasa Stadium here, Fatima Sana and Co. will not complain if they manage that mark again.

Much will ride on the persistence and patience of in-form batter Sidra Amin, whose valiant 106-ball 81 gave her team an outside chance against India.

But the spectacular collapse against Bangladesh gives Australia the blueprint, particularly under consistently overcast conditions, to use express pace early on to rattle the line-up.

Pakistan knows the only way to keep itself in the game would be to play out of its skin on the field to restrict Australia to a modest score, but Alyssa Healy's side has the batting depth to avoid hopeless situations and end its Colombo sojourn with two more points in the bag.

Arifa keen to give a leg-up to women's cricket in Bangladesh despite hurdles

Lavanya L
COLOMBO

Smiling through adversity: Arifa and her wards at the Women's Dreamer Cricket Academy.

Government overthrow and social unrest forced the relocation of the 2024 Women's T20 World Cup from Bangladesh to the UAE.

For Arifa Jahan Bithi and her Women's Dreamer Cricket Academy, the first and only girls academy in Bangladesh, an opportunity to turn attitudes towards girls pursuing cricket was lost.

"There is a buzz, but no one takes interest," she told *The Hindu* on the mood around the ongoing women's ODI World Cup. "Many here still don't know women play cricket."

Arifa coaches over 350 girls for free, who play across many divisions, including the Dhaka Premier League. Two are in the national camp as well.

She famously posted visuals of Bangladesh pacer Marufa Akter ploughing a paddy field during the pandemic, which drew attention and consequently got her support. Marufa's evolution mirrors how systems in Bangladesh have had to grow alongside her.

"There is no push at the grassroots for elements like strength and power hitting. Grassroots didn't have gym, swimming etc. We just bowled, batted, worked on technique," Arifa explained.

"Cricket needs to reach schools and districts. Ours is primarily still growing from college level. If it drips down, the pool of players will increase," she noted.

"The facilities and the tiers boys get, they don't exist for girls. Most schools don't have cricket for girls."

Arifa is hopeful that her country will come away from this World Cup with positives to carry into the future.

"Through the work I'm doing, through talents like Marufa, I want my country to see that girls are no less than anyone," she said.

Chandrasekhar, Lara win CEAT lifetime achievement awards

Sports Bureau

The CEAT awards for the 2024-25 season were presented in Mumbai on Tuesday.

The winners:
Domestic cricketer of the year: Harsh Dubey; **Emerging young player of the year:** Angkrish Raghuvanshi.
Test batter of the year: Harry Brook; **Test bowler of the year:** Prabath Jayasuriya.
Women's international batter of the year: Smriti Mandhana; **Women's international bowler of the year:** Deepti Sharma.
Lifetime achievement award: B.S. Chandrasekhar and Brian Lara.
ODI bowler of the year: Matt Henry.
ODI batter of the year: Kane Williamson.
Special award for most runs in Champions Trophy: Shreyas Iyer.
Special award for Champions Trophy-winning captain: Rohit Sharma.
T20I batter of the year: Sanju Samson.
T20I bowler of the year: Varun Chakaravarthy.
Men's international cricketer of the year: Joe Root.
Exemplary leadership award: Temba Bavuma.

Exemplary leadership: Bavuma receives the award from Harsh Goenka, Chairman, RPG Group, and Dilip Vengsarkar, former India cricketer. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

I still believe the strength of West Indies lies in a unified team, says Lara

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

Moment to cherish: Lara, with Gavaskar and Goenka, after getting the lifetime achievement award. X@CEATTRYES

In a bid to motivate a struggling West Indies squad, Brian Lara and two former captains will interact with Roston Chase's team ahead of the second Test in New Delhi.

"We are going to rush to Delhi to have a little chat with the boys. It's always tough for any country to play in India and win. But we want to be competitive and, hopefully, we can do so in the next game," said Lara on the sidelines of the CEAT awards.

Lara, along with the legendary Sir Vivian Richards and Richie Richardson, is in India to attract potential investors to Caribbean cricket.

Downward spiral

With West Indies rapidly continuing its downward spiral, calls for separate national teams by splitting regional West Indies teams in the international arena have grown louder. But, Lara prefers to stick to the unified regional team in the international arena.

"That (separate national team) is going to be tested in events like Pan-Am Games and the Olympics. West Indies cannot be a representative cricket team in those tournaments.

"We are from a population of around five to six million. And cricket, obviously, has been diluted with the advent of other sports and interests," Lara said.

> We are perennial favourites around the world but are disappointed at the way things have turned out
> LARA

"But I still believe that the strength of West Indies lies in a unified team and I would like to see that continue. Now, the issue is that there is a lot more happening in world cricket. There are more opportunities for our youngsters. And that, again, is going to dilute our strength. But we are all disappointed (with the results).

"We are perennial favourites around the world and are disappointed at the way things have turned out.

National interest

"I don't think going separate ways is the answer. But again, there will be a lot of national interest in cricket come the Olympics and Pan-Am Games where individual countries are going to be involved," Lara added.

Sandhya optimistic about women embracing Tests

Anirudh Velamuri
INDORE

Sandhya. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

As India attempted to accelerate the scoring in its ODI World Cup clash with Pakistan, former India captain Sandhya Agrawal, seated in the media box at the Holkar Stadium here, could not resist making observations.

"The stance is very broad today. So broad that the lower part is staying in place, which could be a problem, but it suits her," she exclaimed to *The Hindu*.

That Sandhya was quick to pick up on nuances of play was barely surprising. India's first women's team captain Shantha Rangaswamy cheekily called her Sandhya 'Technique' Agrawal.

A mainstay of India for almost a decade, Sandhya served with distinction, with the highlight being a sublime 190 against England in a Test match in 1986, then the highest individual score in women's cricket. Her microscopic reading of the game held her in good standing.

Given the frequency of multi-day cricket during her time, Sandhya remains optimistic about the women's game embracing the longest format eventually.

"India is playing more ODIs and T20s. ICC has said that there should be a Test in every series. I think slowly attention will be given to all formats. Maybe the women will also have something like the World Test Championship that men have. It is possible."

It's always fascinating to quiz players on how their generation would hold up in the world of slam-bang T20 cricket. Sandhya brushed off any suggestions of struggle.

"If we had T20, then definitely our game would have changed. We'd play to meet those demands.

"But in our time, there were more Tests. Though if we had played like this... say a scoop shot, they would have thrown us out. But this is the demand now, so it's not a big deal. Scenarios change, everything will change," she says.

INBRIEF

Wrestler Aman Sehrawat suspended for one year

The Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) on Tuesday suspended Paris Olympics bronze medallist Aman Sehrawat for one year for exceeding the 57kg weight limit and getting disqualified at the World championships in Zagreb last month. His coaching staff were issued a warning. If Aman serves the suspension fully, it may hamper his preparations for the 2026 Asian Games, where wrestling will be held from September 30. Aman's was the third such incident, after Vinesh Phogat and Neha Sangwan episodes in Paris 2024 and 2025 World under-20 championships respectively, involving an Indian wrestler in about a year.

Indian trio bows out in the pre-quarterfinals

India's Velavan Senthilkumar, Veer Chotrani and Ramit Tandon lost their pre-quarterfinal matches to bow out of the Open Squash Classic, a $74,000 PSA bronze event, in New York. Velavan lost to Mexican fourth seed Leonel Cardenas 7-11, 6-11, 4-11 while eighth seed Tandon went down to Adrian Waller of England 11-6, 9-11, 8-11, 11-8, 7-11 on Monday. Chotrani fell to French second seed Victor Crouin 1-11, 8-11, 5-11.

Nikhil scores a brace in FC Bengaluru United's facile win

Nikhil Raj Murugesh Kumar scored a brace as FC Bengaluru United blanked Bangalore City FC 3-0 in the KSFA Super Division League football on Tuesday.

The results: Kickstart 1 (R. Vinod 53-og) bt Rebels 0; FC Bengaluru United 3 (Md. Altab Hussain 4, Nikhil Raj Murugesh Kumar 34, 42) bt Bangalore City 0; FC Real Bengaluru 2 (R. Karthikeyan 12, Ajay Alex Antony 60) bt ASC & Centre 0.

Kolkata Thunderbolts fights back to down Blue Spikers

Kolkata Thunderbolts defeated Kochi Blue Spikers 12-15, 15-13, 15-6, 19-17 in the PVL in Hyderabad on Tuesday, and picked up three points.

LIVE TELECAST

Tennis: Shanghai Masters, Sony Sports Ten 1 & LIV, 10 a.m.
Women's ODI World Cup: Star Sports 1 & JioHotstar, 3 p.m.
PVL: Sony Sports Ten 1 (SD & HD) & LIV, 6.30 p.m.
PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 8 p.m.

India cruises past SL

The home team inches closer to the knock-out stage after a clinical performance against the neighbours

BADMINTON

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GUWAHATI

India produced another clinical performance, this time against Sri Lanka, in a Group H clash and inched closer to the knock-out stages of the mixed team event of the BWF World Junior Badminton on Tuesday. India sealed a 45-27, 45-21 victory over Sri Lanka, who had edged UAE in a close tie on Monday.

Among the other top nations, China and South Korea registered their second wins, while Philippines upset Hong Kong 42-45, 45-28, 45-43.

China defeated England in a Group D match, while South Korea hammered debutant Bhutan 45-5, 45-17 in Group G.

The Indian team hardly broke any sweat despite the team management fielding a fresh bunch of players who didn't get a chance to play in the opener against Nepal.

Lalthazuala Hmar gave the Indian team a confident start, beating Keneth Aruggoda 9-2 in the boy's singles and Bhavya Chhabra and Mithileish P. Krishnan extending the lead to 18-6 against Sanuda Ariyasinghe and Thisath Rupathunga.

Fresh bunch: The Indian team experimented with new players against Sri Lanka. X@BAI_MEDIA

Rakshitha Sree, who was playing the team relay-scoring format for the first time, struggled to get going against Ranithma Liyanage and was trailing 3-8 before winning six of the next seven points to take the score to 36-21. Junior Grand Prix finalists, C. Lalramsanga and Taarini Suri, then wrapped up the set 45- 27, beating Aruggoda and Liyanage 9-6.

Rounak Chouhan started the proceedings for India in the second set and they wrapped up the tie with a 45-21 win.

The results (Until session 2):
Group A: Japan bt Ireland 45-22, 45-16; Thailand bt Portugal 45-16, 45-23; **B:** France bt Egypt 45-25, 45-34; USA vs Norway 45-18, 45-21; **D:** China bt England 45-22, 45-19; Turkiye bt Ghana 45-11, 45-27.
E: Denmark bt Brazil 45-43, 45-35; **F:** Philippines bt Hong Kong China 42-45, 45-28, 45-43; **G:** Korea bt Bhutan 45-5, 45-17; Romania bt Poland 42-45, 45-39, 45-41; **H:** India bt Sri Lanka 45-27, 45-21; UAE bt Nepal 45-29, 45-18.

India colts restrict Australia

Press Trust of India
MACKAY (AUSTRALIA)

India bowled out Australia for 135 to take a slender nine-run first-innings lead with three wickets in hand on the opening day of the second Youth Test here on Tuesday.

The scores: Australia U-19 135 in 43.3 overs (Alex Lee Young 66, Henil Patel 3/21, Khilan Patel 3/23) vs India U-19 144/7 in 40 overs (Khilan Patel 26, Vedant Trivedi 25, Kasey Barton 3/39).

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KARNATAKA ROUND UP

Niki to lead Karnataka

BENGALURU: Niki Prasad will lead Karnataka in the senior women's T20 Trophy to be held in Gwalior from Oct. 8 to 19.
The squad: Niki Prasad (Capt.), Vrinda Dinesh, Mithila Vinod, Shubha Satheesh, Shreyanka Patil, Monica C. Patel, Rajeshwari Gayakwad, Prathyoosha Kumar, B.G. Tejashwini, Sahana S. Pawar, Soumya Verma, Pooja Kumari, Shishira A. Gowda, Roshini Kiran, Ananya Hegde.

Aneeshwar at the helm

Aneeshwar Gautam will lead Karnataka in the Col. C.K. Nayudu Trophy (under-23) cricket tournament match against Railways to be held here from October 16 to 19.
The squad: Aneeshwar Gautam (Capt.), Prakhar Chaturvedi, S.U. Karthik, E.J. Jasper, Harshil Dharmani, K.P. Karthikeya, Samit Dravid, Dhruv Prabhakar, Sanjay Ashwin, Hardik Raj, Yashovardhan Parantap, K. Shashikumar, Monish Reddy, Dhanush Gowda, Faizan Khan.

Madappa and Tamang in the lead

Kolkata's Viraj Madappa and Nepal golfer Subash Tamang posted scores of six-under 65 to hold the joint lead after round one of the 2025 Bengaluru Open at the Karnataka Golf Association (KGA) course on Tuesday.

Sri Lankan N. Thangaraja, Bangladesh's Mohd. Muaj, Lucknow's Sanjeev Kumar, Chandigarh's Akshay Sharma and Greater Noida's Saptak Talwar were third with a 66. The highest-placed among the Bengaluru-based players were R. Mari Muthu, S. Chikkarangappa and S. Manoj, all of whom shot 69 to be placed tied 19th. Defending champion Abhinav Lohan was also tied for 19th.

Kohli, Rohit and the move from individuals to symbols

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

It is amazing how some fans line up behind either Virat Kohli or Rohit Sharma to the exclusion of the other. Both these magnificent players have served the country with distinction and changed the culture of the Indian team. That's a minor detail for the trolls. Encouraged by the anonymity and illogic of social media, they are either Sharmaites or Kohlians, seldom both.

Kohli is India's most successful Test captain, while Rohit leads in white ball cricket. Yet, each one's success or failure is put down to all kinds of imaginary reasons, from the political and geographic to the selectorial and providential.

The so-called fans have been calling for chief selector Ajit Agarkar's head for what is a logical, cricketing decision: to replace Rohit Sharma with Shubman Gill as India's ODI captain. One fan tweeted that Agarkar has "ruined our adulthood." People have heart attacks, lose loved ones or survive accidents without these ruining their adulthood. Perhaps I am missing something here.

Many fans don't love cricket so much as cricketers, and that too in a gossipy, low-humour manner, focusing on their love lives and public persona rather than on what it takes to perfect a googly or a pull shot. Does the Rohit troll versus Kohli troll battle suggest deeper cultural schisms: Mumbai vs Delhi, business vs politics, West vs North, Marathi vs Punjabi? Does success convert individuals into symbols? Is that the price they pay?

Often the media get dragged into it too. You can't say anything good about Rohit without raising the hackles of the Kohlians, and vice versa. More than four years ago after a tour of England, I wrote in these columns that Kohli did a great job, but Kohlism needed to be reviewed. Kohlism, defined as "a philosophy where hostility and retaliating before being provoked is key.... (and) there is the notion sometimes a victory is not enough; it has to be accompanied by humiliation, a word that has no place in sport."

For weeks after that, I was trolled on a daily basis. Even now, at least once a week or so, someone comes across the column and retweets it, leading to yet another round of abuse in different languages, from ungrammatical English to Hindi and Punjabi rich in curse words.

One of my favourite responses is, "Do your job of sucking up to China." Huh? When Rohit did well as captain, trolls again retweeted that describing Kohli as a loser.

It is not unusual for a team to have players who divide loyalties. An earlier generation will recall that Sunil Gavaskar, the epitome of correct technique, was seen as the antithesis of Gundappa Viswanath, all creativity and grace. They were the Apollo and Dionysius of Indian batting, the head and the heart. School playgrounds saw much teasing and taunting when one succeeded, and the other didn't. But that was all in fun, and forgivable in schoolchildren, each of whom felt their own hero was superior to all others'. There were Batman vs Superman arguments too, for example.

But the viciousness of today's trolling is from another planet. How players keep their sanity after the trolling provoked by a dropped catch or a loss in a single game is one of the mysteries of the modern game. Even if you decide to ignore social media, there are enough friends and fans around to quote these to you.

When Mohammed Shami was trolled after India lost a match to Pakistan, Kohli was one of the few who sprang to his support, calling the trolls the "lowest level of human potential." He trolled the trolls with "It's a good thing we are taking the field (and not) a few spineless people on social media."

Rohit Sharma famously put it in perspective after being dropped from a Test match and in the midst of social media celebration or mourning with, "The sun will rise again tomorrow." The sun did, and so did Rohit, from the depths of despair.

As he will again. It is difficult to see him or Kohli in the Indian team at the next ODI World Cup in 2027.

Rohit will be 40 while Kohli's 40th will be during the tournament. And the sun will rise again whatever happens.

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